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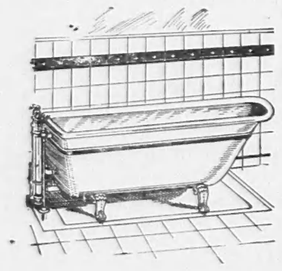

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For the year ending December 31, 1899

According to the Standard of the Insurance Department of the State of New York

INCOME

Received for Premiums	$44,524,519 23
From all other Sources	14,365,557 [illegible]
	$58,890,077 21

DISBURSEMENTS

To Policy-holders for Claims by Death	$15,629,979 43
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc.	10,739,057 13
For all other accounts	12,228,444 13
	$38,597,480 68

ASSETS

United States Bonds and other Securities	$173,185,461 74
First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage	74,794,821 03
Loans on Bonds and other Securities	6,330,000 00
Loans on Company's Policies	4,374,636 66
Real Estate: Company's 12 Office Buildings, and other Properties	23,186,525 03
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies	13,012,455 02
Accrued interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.	6,960,637 71
	$301,844,537 23

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves, etc.	$251,711,988 01
Contingent Guarantee Fund	47,952,548 22
Available for Authorized Dividends	2,180,000 00
	$301,844,537 23
Insurance and Annuities in force	$1,052,665,211 04

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department.

CHARLES A. PREELLER Auditor

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LEAVE Amherst, 9 12 a. m and 5.50 p. m.

LEAVE Palmer, 10.00 a. m., 1 40 and 6 50 p. m. for New London and intermediate stations.

LEAVE Brattleboro, 10 25 a. m. for Millers Falls and points on Fitchburg R. R.

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LEAVE New London 7 40 a. m. for Palmer and intermediate stations.

LEAVE Palmer for Brattleboro, 8.20 a. m. and 6 50 p. m, connecting with express for Montreal and the West via G. T. R. R.

LEAVE Millers Falls for Brattleboro 9.40 a. m, 12.15 p. m. and 8 08 p. m.

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19 lbs. Granulated Sugar,	$1.00
20 lbs. E. Sugar,	1.00
1 bbl. Very Best Bread Four,	4.35
1 bbl. Very Best St. Louis Flour,	4.15
4 lbs. Very Best Dates,	.25
1 lb. package Seeded Raisins,	.12
1 lb. package Cleaned Currants,	.09
1 can Little Neck Clams,	.10
2 cans Best Red Salmon,	.25
1 lb. Java Coffee,	.20
1 lb. Our Blended Black Tea,	.50
1 lb. Good Black Tea,	.35
10 lbs. Gran. Yellow Corn Meal,	.20
10 lbs. Rye Meal,	.25
8 lbs. Rolled Oats,	.25
1 2-lb. package Quaker Oats,	.10
1 gal. Best Porto Rico Molasses,	.45
1 gal. Good Porto Rico Molasses,	.35
1 gal. Best Sugar Syrup,	.50
10 bars Dome Soap,	.25
Good Will Soap,	4c a bar
1 package Royal Soap Powder (worth 10c.),	.06
1 Glass Tumbler Jelly or Jam (worth 10c.),	.06
1 qt. Best Mix Pickles,	.10
1 lb. Pure Lard,	.08
1 lb. Bacon Fork,	.08

And so I could go on and on, but all you have to do is to call for what you wish and you will get bed rock prices.

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Handsome Scotch Shawl Capes, made in the newest effects.

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Tea and Coffee Strainers,	3c
Tea and Coffee Strainers,	5c
Black Enamel Handle Strainers,	5c
Black Enamel Handle Strainers,	8c
Wire Handle Strainers,	4c
Wire Handle Strainers,	7c
Bowl Strainers,	3c
Bowl Strainers,	4c
Bowl Strainers,	4c
Wire Broilers,	5c
Wire Broilers,	8c
Wire Broilers,	10c
Wire Broilers,	4c
Wire Toasters,	8c
Victor Flour Sifters,	3c
Pot Chains,	5c
Pot Chains,	10c
Pot Chains,	6c
Dover Egg Beaters,	2c
Potato Mashers,	3c
Soap Shakers,	1c
Egg Whips,	1c
Graters,	3c
Polished Steel Cake Turners,	10c
Circular Can Openers,	2c
Asbestos Stove Mats,	5c
Wire Dish Drainers,	10c
Wire Dish Drainers,	15c
Wire Dish Drainers,	19c
Wire Dish Drainers,	25c

Ground floor salesroom.

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Dobbins Electric Soap reduced from 9 cents to 5, full size & quality. Isn't it foolish to buy any other? Order of your grocer. Valuable books free for wrappers.

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This is because you have good tea to begin with.

Poor teas cannot result in a healthful, delicious beverage, no matter how carefully you try to brew them.

With Chase & Sanborn's package teas you are sure of getting the best that money, skill and experience can produce.

It makes no difference whether you try their Kohinoor, which is a fine breakfast tea, the Orloff, a Formosa Oolong with a delicate lilac flavor, or the Orange Pekoe, with its rich wine-like body.

Inasmuch as these teas are sold only in pound and half-pound air tight Tea Lead packages you are sure of getting the genuine article, with all its natural strength and freshness preserved.

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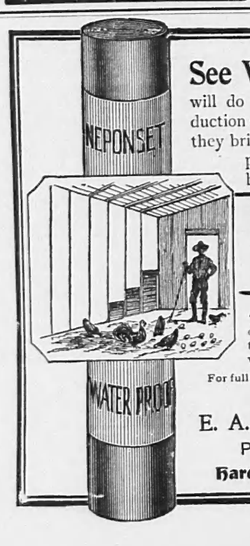

See What Your Hens

will do in the way of an increased production of eggs, especially in winter, when they bring the most, if they are properly protected from cold. Attend to this by covering your henhouses with

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ANOTHER IMMENSE RAINFALL.

Much Damage by Water Which Came Yesterday.

SEWERS TOO SMALL TO CARRY IT OFF

Cellars Flooded, Highways Washed, and a Good Sized Bill for Repairs in Prospect.

If March did not come in like a lion yesterday she brought what is feared more than cold weather and boisterous winds—a deluge of rain. A slight drizzle in the morning, which froze to everything it touched, turned to a steady downpour under a rising temperature, and until about 9 in the evening it rained incessantly, now harder and now with less volume, but all the time the rain. The streets soon began to run water and the streams to gather in volume. By the middle of the afternoon there was more water than the sewers could carry off and the manhole at the foot of Commercial street was turned into a geyser of a foot or more in height. The streets were badly washed in many places, and cellars were filled or partially so.

The worst of the storm came between 4 and 5 in the afternoon, and at 6 o'clock Main street between Central and Walnut was a pond of water from the buildings on the north to the curb on the south. H. C. Strong's private sewer struggled hard to take the surplus water, but was unequal to the task, and at 6 o'clock there was 10 inches of water on the sidewalk in front of Gamwell's clothing store. J. B. Shaw and C. R. Hoppe caulked the cracks under their store doors and managed to keep most of the flood out, the water being six inches deep outside. The flood invaded the basement of W. E. Stone's store, but not seriously. At the passenger station the tracks were covered with water, and a miniature Niagara poured upon the Commercial street sidewalk leading to the station, while it ran into the cellar until there were several feet of it. The road under the railroad tracks was a roaring torrent several inches deep. About 8 o'clock the river rose until the water flowed across Commercial street, attaining a depth of about 8 inches before it began to subside. At Blanchardville the river also covered the road east of the electric plant. It overflowed the Nelson flat on the road to Monson, but had not covered the road at the Dutton bridge on the road to Bondsville until this morning, when it rose rapidly.

The electric road had little trouble with the storm except the derailing of two cars, one on Thorndike street in Palmer at 4 30, and one on the Monson line about the same time, by sand washing on the track. So much trouble was experienced in this line that the running of the Monson end was given up after 5 o'clock. At the plant of the Central Massachusetts Electric Company the water filled the canal to the brim, and the ice came in over the headgates in quantities which threatened to stop the wheels. Supt. Burritt was looking for men at 9 o'clock to help clear it away, and worked a good share of the night on the job. Another inch of water would have shut down the works.

The town will have another good-sized bill to pay for damages to the highways, as some of them are badly gullied.

No particular damage was done at Monson, although the storm was more severe than that of a few weeks ago. The meadows east of Washington street were a pond of immense size, and the streets of the town were flooded, the culverts not proving equal to the flood of water. The highways are washed in many places.

Wales suffers vastly by the flood, the temporary bridges put up after the recent storm being washed away, the just repaired highways rendered impassable again, and a big loss entailed. Men who lived on one side of the river and worked on the other were forced to spend the night away from home, as all communications between the two sides of the town was destroyed.

BOSTON AND MAINE SETTLES.

Hastings Crossing Suits Cost It Between $50,000 and $70,000.

It is announced that the Boston and Maine railroad has settled the suits brought against it as a result of the horrible grade crossing accident at Hastings Crossing on the Central Massachusetts division in the town of Palmer August 27, 1898. There were 11 suits, and while the terms are not announced, it is understood that the aggregate sum is between $50,000 and $70,000. The accident was caused by the "Scoot" train from Northampton to Ware striking a barge load of people on their way to Forest Lake about 7 15 in the evening, the accident being alleged to be due to the failure of the electric signal at the crossing to work. There was evidence to show that the signal had not worked for months, and that the man in charge of it knew of its condition. The result of the catastrophe was the death of George D. Whiting, George D. Whiting Jr., Sadie A. Whiting, Jessie E. Whiting, John L. Scott Jr. and George E. Rich, and the injuring of Mrs. Sarah A. Whiting, Mrs. Bertha I. Houghton, Harold M. Rich, Mildred M. Scott and Clarence E. Phinney. The suits were brought through Robert A. Knight of Springfield by the administrators of the victims, and by those who were injured.

Curiosities Gathered for the Palmer Historical Society.

The loom in which the warp and wool of life is woven.

The skein from which the thread of the story was taken.

The scabbard in which the sword of fate was sheathed.

A pebbie from the shores of time.

The pot in which mischief was brewed.

A lump of gold made from the silence of great men.

The cup in which Attic Salt was kept.

A link from the chain of events.

A nail which fastened the argument.

An arrow which sped the truth.

The mantle used by charity.

A small wheel from a college "coach."

The pump used by the lawyer to dry up the witness.

A necklace made from the pearls of speech.

A shoe taken from the iron heel of fate.

The lever which lifted the mortage.

The key which unlocked the mysteries of life.

A plaster cast of the footprints in the sands of time.

A blanket which covered the child that was rocked in the cradle of the deep.

A cap that covered the climax.

A golden apple made from the words fitly spoken.

A whistle which cost the boy so dearly.

A section of the bone of contention.

One of the stepping stones to the pinnacle of fame.

A cable made from the rope of sand.

A brick from the wall of party petition.

The jaw which held the corroding tooth of time.

Seeds from the apple of discord.

Buckles from the rivers which belt the town of Palmer.

A pair of colonial mittens made from street yarn spinning.

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WEDDING DID NOT COME OFF.

Thorndike Girl Makes Fortunate Discovery in Time.

INTENDED HUSBAND A MARRIED MAN.

The Invitations Issued and the Presents Sent. Man Telegraphs the Girl for Money.

Miss Mary Murphy of Thorndike is thanking her guardian angel for an escape from what would otherwise have been an awkward situation, to say the least. She was to have been married on Tuesday to William Bartlett of Belchertown, but the wedding did not take place, and she has discovered that Bartlett is a married man, with a wife and two children in Michigan. Bartlett came to Belchertown about three years ago, and has worked at the Park View hotel and other places. Last October he formed the acquaintance of Miss Murphy and paid her attentions which finally developed into a proposal of marriage on his part and an acceptance on hers. The day was set, the invitations sent out, and the bride-to-be received many presents. Last Saturday Miss Murphy received a telegram from Bartlett at Buffalo, N. Y., asking her to send him a sum of money. She was suspicious, however, as he was supposed to be in Belchertown, and some of her friends went there to find something more about the man. They claim to have unmistakable evidence that he has been playing a false role, and that a wife and two children are living in Michigan. Bartlett is wanted in Belchertown to explain the disappearance of a watch and other articles which left town when he did. Miss Murphy is well known and highly respected in Thorndike, and has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in the unfortunate occurence.

NEW WAY OF SAVING LIFE.

A Bondsville Woman's Novel Method of Rescue from Freezing.

There is no patent on the method employed by a Bondsville young woman to rescue a person who is suffering from the cold and in danger of freezing if neglected. Although not every patient might take kindly to the treatment, if the practitioner is allowed full swing a cure can be absolutely guaranteed. The method of proceedure is not without an element of personal danger to the practitioner, and the would-be adopter of it is cautioned to know well his patient's disposition before he tackles the case. An electric car for Bondsville Sunday night was stopped at the Palmer Center station to take on a Polander bound for Bondsville. The man had evidently been out some time and was nearly frozen. His hands were evidently giving him considerable pain, for he blew on his fingers and made to the conductor some evident remarks about its being cold. The conductor advised him to swing his arms and slap his hands to get them warm, but he either didn't understand or was too cold to make the exertion, for he sank limply into a corner, a most abject picture of misery. This was more than a Bondsville girl, who was in the car, could stand. With a determination to do good whenever and wherever she could, she made for the shivering native of Poland, seized him by the collar, and for the next few moments the car was full of Pole. It was swing partners, cross over to opposite, chasse down the center, back again, balance corners, right hand to partner and eight hands around, mixed up with a physical culture exercise that must have made the fellow think he had run up against a lesson in pugilism. She started the circulation all right, and the good old-fashioned blows and slaps which he got would warm the heart of a woman with a child which needed spanking. It didn't make any difference where the blows landed; they came thick and fast and straight from the shoulder, upper cuts, side hooks, any old kind, and he got them all. When she finally thought his life was saved she let him go, and he sat—or dropped—down where she first picked him up, but a vastly different sort of a man. He was warm enough; in fact, he was perspiring—so the conductor says. And it lasted him all the way to Bondsville. The young woman resumed her seat with an air of a job well done and the consciousness of a life saved by her efforts, possibly to someone who was watching and waiting for the absent one.

Her 84th Birthday.

Mrs. Lucy Knowlton of Thorndike celebrated her 84th birthday Monday with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Talmadge. Numerous gifts were presented in honor of the occasion. Mrs. Knowlton is enjoying good health, and bids fair to yet celebrate numerous such anniversaries. Among those who were present to extend congratulations were Mrs. A. M. Bond, Mrs. George Mooers, Mrs. B. F. Clark, Mrs. D. McIntire, Mrs. G. D. Mooers, Mrs. H. T. Bishop, Mrs. J. Q Adams, Mrs. Edward Fuller, Mrs. Ida Bond, Mrs. F. A. Andrews, Mrs. S. Stearns, Mrs. C. F. Mooers, Mrs. W. E. Andrews, Miss Susie Page, Mrs. Melissa Richards, Mrs. R. Clifford of Monson, Mrs. A. S. Houghton, Miss Sarah Page, Mrs. G. A. Murdock, Mrs. A. P. Adams, Mrs. M. M. Thomas, Mrs. J. F. Davis, Mrs. M. E. Murdock, Mrs. G. M. Gerrish.

Numerous Accidents at West Warren.

Joseph Gravelin, the 10-years-old son of Joseph Gravelin of West Warren, cut a finger off his left hand last Friday evening while chopping wood at his father's woodyard. Dr. Deland and Dr. Moore attended him, and while they were dressing the wound they were called to a Polander who had hurt his foot in the No. 2 mill. He was riding on the elevator when he got caught and narrowly escaped instant death. His foot was so badly crushed that two of the toes had to be amputated. Later the same evening they were called to attend a man who had been seriously injured by being thrown from his team.

Can't Get Along Without It.

A Springfield reader of the JOURNAL writes: "Send me the JOURNAL right along; I will let you know when I do not desire to take it."

A New York state subscriber writes: "The JOURNAL is as important to me as any of our daily papers."

TEACHERS OF 100 YEARS AGO

Compared With Those of To-day by a Veteran Teacher.

MOTHER ALSO A FAMOUS INSTRUCTOR.

Rev. James Tufts, Well Known in Teaching Circles, Makes Some Interesting Remarks.

During the war of the Revolution and immediately after, till the constitution was adopted in 1789, money was so scarce that the common schools were a good deal broken up or suspended, or kept only a short time each year. Parents taught their own children more or less, and the clergymen had some pupils, especially young teachers, for a short time. My mother, who commenced teaching at 15 in 1792, often remarked she never attended school over two years, and three months of that was with Dr. Crane of Northbridge, who taught many pupils in his family. But she had an acute, strong mind,

Rev. James Tufts.

retentive memory, was quick to learn and was regarded as a well educated woman during her life. She had also the reputation, in her native town of Grafton, of a superior teacher, receiving at first fifty cents a week, and more each year to $1 50 a week, when, as she remarked, she was "ashamed to ask any more, as no other teacher in town received over a dollar a week." She was a born teacher, with a natural gift to preserve order, inspire enthusiasm and interest her pupils. When the new methods of teaching came around, in the time of Horace Mann, she often remarked she had used "the same methods in her schools long before." She always instructed her own six children so as to keep them in advance of scholars of their age. She was familiar with grammar and arithmetic so as to assist pupils in those studies till over 80 years of age. When Colburn's arithmetic came out, which was at first quite a puzzle to most teachers, she would go through readily all the examples at sight, and explain them intelligently. She was proficient in technical grammar, or parsing, as it was called, in "Young's Night Thoughts" and "Pope's Essay," when to parse well such authors and interpret them required real scholarship. She understood well the history of the country and the theological questions of the day. And if her husband was to print a sermon or anything else, she was the one to look it over and see that the grammar and orthography were correct. If her husband had pupils, as he sometimes did, she did most of the instruction, and was always a great assistance to the young teachers and the young ladies in the parish.

This gift of teaching was also inherited by her children more or less, for to say nothing of myself the five other children—one brother and four sisters—were regarded eminent and successful teachers in their day. The fame of my brother John's teaching in district schools remains to this day, as well as his remarkable ability to interest the young in Sabbath schools through life. One sister, Eliza, was herself a very remarkable scholar, receiving a prize as the best scholar in grammar at seven years old, and when ten years old reciting in the Sabbath school in one summer, when it was the custom for all the scholars to commit what verses they could, 3000 verses, making no mistakes. She afterwards instructed her own four children so they were far in advance of children of their age, retaining till her death at 70, her intellectual superiority.

I refer thus to my mother only as an example of many superior teachers of character, ability and success in their day, who had such limited advantages for education. But if we infer from this that they were weak or inefficient teachers we shall be greatly mistaken; for the teachers of 100 years ago, or 80 years ago, as I remember them, were men and women of marked ability, who would stand high in social life at the present day in comparison with our own more educated teachers. In those days the personality of the teacher was of more account than now, when the schools are so much more thoroughly organized, and the school committee and the superintendents do so much to make it easier and pleasanter for the teachers.

The winter schools in the country towns were then large, and it was not an uncommon occurrence for the older boys to put a weak teacher whom they disliked out of the schoolhouse and so break up the school, so that it was not only a necessity to hire a teacher who was not only educated, but one who was strong, sensible, and able to take care of himself, as he usually did. In some of these disorderly schools a successful schoolmaster would sometimes get the reputation of a young "Hercules" in restoring order. But such days are past, though ability to govern and preserve order are still essential to a successful teacher at any time.

Webster's spelling book was in use and Abundie's grammar; Daboe's arithmetic was followed by Adams's first edition, which had few or no explanations of the rules, and only the process given; decimals were in place, but vulgar or common fractions were in an appendix at the close of the book as being beyond the comprehension of pupils and most teachers. But there was soon a new edition of the arithmetic, in which suitable explanations were given and fractions inserted as now in the arithmetics. The curriculum of the schools was so limited, and the time of the schools so short—two or three months at least, each summer and winter—that we should not expect great results. Yet there was much discipline, and training and culture in the best schools under efficient teachers, who were faithful and thorough in what they taught. And the experts now in the higher education tell us it does not make so much difference what scholars learn or are drilled in, if only the work is well and thoroughly done. I formerly noticed that in the Academy, scholars from families where there were good district schools, though they had not taken advanced studies, were yet in real culture and scholarship far in advance of those who had been in school all their days, during routine and shallow work, and would easily outstrip them in the solid branches.

If teaching were mere routine work, on passive material, like that of the factory, then the personality of the teacher would be of little consequence, one could carry the routine as well as another; but if you have active minds to work upon, instead of cotton and wool, it makes a vast difference whether the teacher can inspire and interest the pupils. In the early days, when there was not so much training for school work, more depended on the personality of the teacher,—what he was, and what he could do,—and only the most gifted could succeed. And the best teachers were sure to give a thorough drill, though they had few books. But with more education and better training our teachers are better equipped for their work, though something may be lost in personality and enthusiasm.

JAMES TUFTS.

Monson, February, 1900.

MONSON'S SPORTSMEN'S SHOW.

Interesting Showing of Fine Dogs Cats and Birds.

SOME VALUABLE EXHIBITS TO BE SEEN

To Remain Open Until To-morrow Night, With Various Attractions Well Worth Seeing.

The Monson Sportsmen's and Fanciers' Club opened a five-days' exhibit in Memorial Hall Tuesday. The center of the hall is taken up by pens of fine poultry, while at either side are dogs both large and small, many of them being quite valuable. The stage represents a hunter's camp and is quite attractive. In front of the stage is the Forest Park collection of rabbits, pheasants, owls, etc., also a line of sporting goods sent by Buck & Co. of Palmer. At the lower end of the hall is a lunch counter run by Newton & Chapman; also various kinds of poultry food, including the "H-O," which is advertised by a pen of White Plymouth Rocks raised on this food. In the gallery are a number of cats of all sorts. The selectmen's room is filled up as a museum, and contains besides a number of valuable guns used by local sportsmen, a collection of Mauser rifles, relics of the Spanish-American war, owned by A. D. Norcross. This room contains, too, a consignment of canaries from Forbes & Wallace, Springfield.

In the poultry line the principal exhibitors are: A. D. Norcross, Cochins; W. T. Fitz, Wyandottes; O. E. Bradway, Leghorns, Town Farm, Brown and White Leghorns; C. A. Ballou, Worcester, Dark Bramahs; Philander Williams, Cochin bantams and Dark Bramahs; G. A. Chapin, Hampden, seven varieties; Mrs. Festus Cooley, five varieties; S. D. Drury, Northampton, bantams; Willard Bros., Wyandottes; T. J. Sault, White Plymouth Rocks and bantams; W. E. Morey, three kinds of geese; E. M. Walker, turkeys; F. G. Lanphear, Cochins; Miss Beebe, Wyandottes; Dell Needham, Stafford, and T. Hart, fighting games; George Bolles, bantams; Fisk Bacon, Light Bramahs; W. E. Woolard, Sixteen Acres, Silver Wyandottes; T. Desmond, White Wyandottes; Mark Beebe, Dark Bramahs; Fred Rindge, fan-tail pigeons. Among the dogs, the Duke of Manchester, a huge St. Bernard owned by James Mitchell and valued at $5000, is a fine specimen; a French poodle and a lap-dog owned by George Dusseau of Ware, a spaniel belonging to Mrs. Rufus Flynt of Palmer and a pair of beagles to her son, Rufus Flynt, Gordon setters, the property of George and Lyman Miller, pointers owned by W. E. Morey, mother and puppies, black and tan, by William Foley are among those attracting the attention of lovers of dogs. The cats include several Angoras, Mrs. Jessie Woodbury, Mrs. Everett Robbins, Mrs. William Crosby, Mrs. John Powers being their owners. A family of black cats owned by Mrs. Lyman Miller; tabbies, the property of Miss Louise Ellis, Mrs. F. C. Parke, Mrs. J. C. Aldrich, Misses Kate and Margaret Cushman, and Mrs. Inez Farrell; tortoise shell, belonging to Mrs. Amidon, Mrs. Warriner and Mrs. Rindge; and a Maux owned by Mrs. W. C. McMaster, are among the other feline attractions. A visitor who carried catnip to each one was warmly welcomed on Wednesday.

Several important additions have been made to the exhibition since the first of the week. They are six live foxes sent by F. G. Rogers of Brattleboro, Vt., a flock of quails from Stafford Springs, two live geese from South Africa, a brooder with 45 chickens belonging to L. C. Flynt, and a French Caniche Poodle owned by A. M. Deslauries of Ware. In spite of the bad weather the show has had a good patronage.

WEATHER OF ALL KINDS.

Almost Anything You Wanted in the Past Seven Days.

No better illustration of the vagaries of New England weather could be given than that of the past week. Saturday was a fine day balmy and springlike. Early in the evening it clouded up a little, and about 10 o'clock low mutterings of thunder were heard

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NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

BOSTON, March 2, 1900.

An end has been reached to the protracted investigation of the gypsy moth commission. The prosecution made no closing argument, but the side of the commission was represented, in closing, by Secretary Stockwell of the State Board of Agriculture. He is said by a number of the committee who voted last year against the appropriation to have made a strong speech in defense of the methods of the commission, while the attack was characterized as a sort of guerilla operation. The committee will, of course, try to reach a decision as soon as possible. On the part of some members of the Legislature there is a feeling that the House end of the committee has been formed to convict the commission. It is not charged that Speaker Myers took this attitude deliberately, but it is a fact that the interests of the farmers were not represented by any member of the committee, though it was asked by a member of the State Board of Agriculture that they be given a representative, and it is also a fact that members who were objected to by the farmers' interests were appointed on the committee and that the member who may be rightly regarded as the prosecutor in the case had much to do with the make-up of the House part of the committee. Hence there is a feeling that there will be two reports from the committee, though it is uncertain whether the big or small end will condemn the commission. One of the leading legislators who heard some of the testimony says that while the attack reads well in certain cases, yet the appearances of the witnesses discredits them.

The special committee to investigate the metropolitan water board got at its work Tuesday forenoon, all members being present. Commissioners Sprague and Evans and Secretary William N. Davenport were present, and they had Col. Josiah H. Benton, Jr., as counsel. The prosecution was represented by Representative Walsh of Clinton, the member by whose charges on the floor of the House the investigation was started. He repeated the charges of violation of the labor laws, of the liquor laws and of the law which requires preference to be given to citizens of Massachusetts upon the work. He said that he had not had time to prepare himself and wanted the hearing postponed for his convenience. This was done and the inquiry will go on later. Chairman Sprague of the board, whom everyone knows as a very highminded and careful man, says that he knows of no respect in which they have done wrong, and that they are willing to be informed of the particulars wherein they have failed to comply with the law.

The other investigation which has been in progress this week is that of the Boston gas situation, in which the gas consumers are trying to get at the inside facts about the Boston gas ring, while Henry M. Whitney, representing the ring, tries to hide behind the nature of the New England Gas and Coke Company as a voluntary association of individuals and declines to furnish the information which he assured the committee he was ready to give. It looks very much as if he were bluffing the committee and as if his game would not succeed. He has a very competent counsel, ex-President William M. Butler.

Members need to be on the watch all the time and not take things for granted, if they are to serve their constituents well. An illustration in point is that of Mr. Kyle of Plymouth, who was in the committee on counties on Tuesday to look after a bill which proposed to put upon Plymouth county, in part, expense for maintaining some bridges which the county will surely object to paying. He happened to learn that in the next room was in process the hearing on the bill relating to the bridge over Weymouth river, between Weymouth and Quincy, which proposes to put part of the expense upon Plymouth county, though there was absolutely nothing to show that the county was in any way interested in the bill. He helped to secure a postponement for a day, until some representative of the county could be present. It is said that an interest which wants the draw widened is as much of a factor in this case as the public interest. Another illustration is that of the Fairhaven bridge, where it went through without opposition from the outside because it was supposed to be a Bristol county matter, but it turned out to concern other people financially also. If the bills were unparliamentary unless their titles gave a correct idea of their contents, it would conduce to honest legislation.

Representative Saunders of Boston had an important bill before the judiciary committee this week in favor of making the attorney general the representative of the state at committee hearings when the committee wants his presence, or when he judges that his presence is necessary for the protection of the public. Urgent need of reform exists for the protection of the public in the matter of legislation. Our officers are the representatives of the public interests. But any private citizen who has a grudge against any of them can work himself at the sweet will upon the members of the Legislature; he can bire as large and as disreputable a lobby as he pleases, and it is all right, but as soon as a state official tries to exert any influence upon the public, then he is charged with lobbying, or an improper use of his position. This gives the critic all possible advantage and ties the hands of honest and competent officials so that they cannot defend themselves. Somebody should defend the public interest, as well as the private pocket.

The committee on military affairs has had a largely attended hearing upon the bill to exempt the veterans of the Spanish war from the civil service law. The young soldiers appeared in force and made their plea for exemption on the ground that they had rendered service and that, if the veterans of the civil war were entitled to first preference, the Spanish war veterans were entitled to second preference. If the war was short, that was their good luck; they were ready to serve and Spain was as much influenced by the fact that a large army was in this country ready for active service as by the military operations around Santiago. The bill was opposed by the representatives of the Massachusetts Civil Service Reform Association, who put their objection upon the familiar high ground of the good of the public which was taken by Gov. Wolcott last year when he vetoed a bill like that which is pending this year. The young men did not argue their case from the civil service point of view, but from the military.

The sharpest debate of the year came to an end Wednesday afternoon with the vote of the House in favor of the bill to permit the Cape Cod canal company to issue all of its $12,000,000 of stock and bonds, no matter whether the canal costs as much as that or not. The test vote came on the substitution of a bill by Mr. Colby of Boston, which permitted the issue of the amount if that much money was necessary to build the canal, but not permitting them to issue more securities than were needed to finish the work. The vote on that was 98 yeas to 109 nays. The issue was very clear. The bill of the committe was a stock-watering job, in direct violation of the laws of 1894 and thus against the expressed policy of the state. One of the members of the House says that he never saw such dirty work for the passage of any bill in the three years he has been a member. The Boston Democrats were conspicuous for their support of the bill, though the Democratic party is so very loud in its protest against trusts and the abuses of combined capital. If the bill finally passes the House, it will then have to pass the Senate and the governor, and it is quite possible that it will not get through.

The hearing has begun for the telephone bill, which puts all telegraph and telephone companies in the state under the supervision of the gas and electric light commission. The support of this bill is strong and seems to be growing, though it has never yet succeeded in passing all stages in the House. It would be stronger if it did not add new duties to an already sufficiently-worked board.

LANDON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Notice.—All coal bills remaining unpaid April 1st will be placed in other hands for collection.
J. A. Hamilton, Palmer.

PALMER NEWS.

TWO THREE RIVERS WEDDINGS.

Dubois—Dubois.

Two pretty weddings took place at St. Anne's church in Three Rivers Monday morning. The first was that of Miss Eliza Dubois of Thorndike and Louis Dubois of Warren, formerly of Thorndike. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph Marchand about 8 o'clock. The bridesmaid was Miss Malena Gingras, and the best man Charles Dubois Jr., brother of the bride. The bride wore a handsome gown of cream colored cashmere with trimmings of silk, lace and ribbon, and carried a prayer book. The bride was given away by her father. The couple remained kneeling at the communion rail during the nuptial mass. The party after the ceremony adjourned to the bride's home, where a wedding breakfast was served. The wedding party at the house included several out-of-town guests. The day was spent in sociability, and a wedding dinner was served at 6 o'clock which was attended by many friends of the married couple from town. Many handsome gifts were presented the newly-married pair. Relatives were present from Hinsdale, N. H, Ludlow, Chicopee, and the villages of Palmer.

Genard—Roberts.

Miss Emma Genard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Genard, and Dallas Roberts, both of Thorndike, were made man and wife by Rev. Joseph Marchand at St. Anne's church on Monday, when a large number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. The bride looked charming in a gown of golden brown satin with chiffon and pearl trimmings. Mr. Frank Genard, father of the bride, and Mr. Camile Perrault acted as bridesmen and witnesses. The ceremony was performed with a nuptial mass, after which a wedding breakfast was given to the two families and a few near friends at the bride's home. The couple left on the 1 30 p. m. train for Manville, R. I., on a wedding tour. They were the recipients of many fine gifts, including furniture, glass and china ware. Guests were present from Leeds and Manchester, N. H.

Eastern Star's "Mystery Social."

The Mystery Social given Tuesday evening by the Eastern Star members was one of the most enjoyable events of the season. As was natural with a secret society, all was secret. No one not initiated knew what the order of things would be. The first mystery which confronted the attendant was a white-robed figure at the foot of the stairs with uncanny finger pointing silently upward to where, at the top of the stairs, stood another equally ghostly figure. The rooms were handsomely trimmed with evergreen to resemble gypsy surroundings, and many of the members of the order were in gypsy costume. At one end of the banquet room was a pretty snow grotto where for 10 cents a box of provisions was purchased; seats were found in the lodge and banquet rooms, and coffee was served by waiters in white, as mysterious as to their identity as masks could make them. Supper disposed of there was home-made candy for sale, fruit punch, and an opportunity to have your fortune told by the grounds in a teacup, the tea being made to order by a gypsy under a tree. Mrs. Myron O. Cowles of Springfield, palmist, was also present, and did a rushing business in sittings of five minutes each. A gypsy boy played a handorgan, while a small girl passed the hat and gathered in the coppers.

Palmer Man's Narrow Escape.

C. M. Foley, the milkman, had a narrow escape from being run over by an engine Monday morning. He was coming toward Main street from Water, and as he approached the tracks of the New London Northern road saw a locomotive backing toward him from the roundhouse. He thought he had time to cross ahead and whipped up his horse. As he passed this engine and came to the next track he saw another backing down upon him, which had been hidden by the first. The horse was on the track and there was not time to cross, so he pulled the animal up as quickly as possible, at the same time turning it to one side. The engine struck the shaft a glancing blow and scraped along its entire length, but fortunately neither the horse, wagon nor Mr. Foley suffered the least damage, though it was a narrow escape.

Caboose Wrecked.

The caboose which runs on the Ware River freight was made a total wreck early Tuesday morning by being run into by a freight engine from the B. and A. main line on the Ware River main line just west of Commercial street. The Ware River train crew had been down to the coal bin and the engine was backing up to the freight yard, when an engine from a west bound freight on the main line came down the track with some cars for the branch. The point where the collision occurred is on a curve, and the engineer thought the caboose was on the side track. The engine plowed into the caboose almost the whole length of the latter, taking out one end and all the interior furnishings, and knocking the trucks badly askew. The locomotive lost a smokestack, but was not otherwise damaged greatly. No one was hurt.

Wedding Guests Poisoned.

Several of the guests at the Worisky-Kentuksy wedding party at Thorndike were taken suddenly ill Sunday morning after drinking coffee for breakfast. The victims were taken with severe spells of vomiting, with sharp pains in the chest and stomach. Their symptoms became so alarming that a physician was called, who administered emetics, and after the emptying of the stomach the victims had a great desire to sleep. They were all soon out of danger. The cause of the trouble is not known, but it is thought that some poisonous powder had been kept in the pantry and become mixed with the coffee in some manner.

Presented With a Clock.

C. F. Grosvenor, president and until recently general manager of the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company, was presented with a handsome French clock on Wednesday evening, the gift of the business men of the place in appreciation of the work he has done in getting the electric road running. Mr. Grosvenor has put a vast amount of work into the building of the road, and the donors feel that but for his efforts the road would not now be running. The matter was managed by W. R. Milligan.

Hawk Captured in Henhouse.

Tellis Come of Thorndike captured a large hawk in his henhouse Saturday. He heard a commotion in the house, and on going to see what was the cause saw a large hawk fly out. He was near enough to hit it with a club and knock it down, then captured it and placed it in a cage, where it has been seen by a large number of people. Before Mr. Come got to the henhouse the hawk had killed one of the largest hens, though not without a hard struggle, as the scattered feathers gave evidence.

Bad Freight Wreck.

A bad freight wreck on the Central Massachusetts road between Belchertown and South Amherst is reported as a result of yesterday's storm. The details are meagre, but it is reported that after a part of the train had passed the track sank or slid out under the center, and that 16 cars are ditched.

Harry Haley is ill at his home on Fox avenue.

A. D. Shaw of Brown University was home over Sunday.

Miss Theresa Newman is ill at her home on North Main street.

Miss Margaret Cavin spent Sunday with friends in Springfield.

Frank Dillon is expected home from Brown University for over Sunday.

Enos Calkins has had his home connected with the telephone exchange.

Miss Effie Shaw has returned from an extended stay in New York city.

Mrs. C. L. Gardner of Springfield was the guest of friends in town Monday.

A. E. Park of Brattleboro, Vt., was the guest of friends in town Monday.

Miss Alice Stebbins has taken a position as assistant in the telephone exchange.

Warden G. W. Lent of the town farm has been seriously ill, but is recovering.

Mrs. C. F. Grosvenor is confined to her home on North Main street by illness.

The trustees of the epileptic hospital held a meeting at that institution yesterday.

There was one session of the schools yesterday on account of the rain storm.

Michael Healey, a former local blacksmith, was in town the first of the week.

Rev. C. W. Haines preached at the Massachusetts epileptic hospital Sunday afternoon.

C. E. Fuller was in attendance at the Sportsmen's show in Boston on Saturday.

Cyrus W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, will meet in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening.

Miss Mary Sedgwick has gone to Brockton for a visit with Mrs. W. W. Cross of that city.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. C. W. Robinson on Pleasant street Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hunt of Springfield is a guest at the home of Mrs. Maria Lawrence on Main street.

Miss Vera Jeffries of Ware has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keith on Park street.

Miss Mabel Tisdale of North Andover has been a guest of Miss Ella Moulton on Squier street.

Mrs. H. C. Strong has purchased the Park house on the corner of Pine and Squier streets.

Communion will be observed at the Sunday morning service in the Congregational church.

Misses Nellie and Mary L. Ryan of Springfield have been the guests of Miss Nellie Finnerty.

Miss Sadie Connor of West Brookfield is the guest of Miss Emma Mulvihill on Central street.

W. F. Waite has accepted a position in the employ of O. J. Powers & Sons, manufacturers of straw hats.

Mrs. Bannister of West Brookfield is stopping at the home of her son, Charles Bannister, on Walnut street.

The school committee held a meeting Wednesday evening and finished their business for the fiscal year.

A. O. Allen, keeper of the lockup, is confined to his home with illness, and G. H. Justin is filling his place.

Miss Ella Heeneban of Springfield has been stopping part of the week with her parents on Central street.

Misses Rose Gavin and Marie McMahon of Ware spent part of the week with Misses Mamie and Jennie Roche.

The Woman's Tuesday Club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. E. Stone on Squier street Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. F. B. Harrison attended the meeting of the Congregational Club at Hotel Cooley in Springfield Tuesday evening.

Mrs. James W. Fisk, who has been the guest of Miss Louise Follmer, returned to her home in Springfield on Monday.

The regular prayer meetings in all the Protestant churches were discontinued last evening on account of the severe storm.

Good Cheer Rebekah Degree lodge, I. O. O. F., held a regular meeting in its rooms in the Odd Fellows' block Tuesday evening.

There will be a special meeting of Hampden chapter of Masons next Monday evening, when the Mark degree will be worked.

Dr. Miller of Worcester spoke at the Massachusetts epileptic hospital Wednesday evening before the class studying for nurses.

John Hall's drawing class met in the Universalist chapel Wednesday evening, after which the K. O. K. A. held a special meeting.

Mrs. Lucius F. Eaton of Stafford Springs, Ct., has been spending part of the week in town as the guest of her mother, Mrs. S. J. Ramsden.

The D. F. Holden real estate agency has sold the Sumner farm on the road between Thorndike and Bondsville to a Pole from Chicopee Falls.

The new steel ceiling in the bank's business room is in place, and greatly improves the appearance of the room, the design being very attractive.

A. B. Howard and Walter Trickett of Ware visited the assembly of the Washington council, R. and S. M., Monday evening in Masonic Hall.

There will be a temperance lecture in the Congregational church Sunday evening at 7, with E. A. Thomas of Three Rivers and others as speakers.

Mrs. Marietta Fisherdick was in attendance this week at the national convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held in Washington.

Frank Allen, who had a leg broken some time ago by a kick from a horse, and who was taken to the hospital in Springfield, has returned to Palmer.

Mrs. Fanny Sheldon and Misses Bertha and Bessie Royce of Springfield were the guests of Miss Annie Fish of South Main street the first of the week.

The Flynt Building and Construction Company has the contract to repair a 150-foot chimney at Laudersdale, which was struck by lightning Saturday night.

The Mothers' Club met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. A. Shaw at Three Rivers, this being the first meeting held out of the village of Palmer by the club.

Vesper services will be held at 5 o'clock in the Universalist church Sunday evening, and Rev. Mr. Petrie will speak on "A Lenten meditation: our heredity from God."

The Republican caucus will be held in the town house on Thursday evening of next week. The Democratic caucus will be held at the some place on Friday evening.

A novelty in the social and entertainment line will be offered Wednesday evening by the Lend-a-Hand Club of the Congregational church, when a "seven" social will be given.

Mrs. Bliss of Springfield, who has been acting as organist at the Congregational church for the past few months, has been engaged to fill that position until April, 1901.

The Knights of Columbus have voted to give up their rooms in the opera house block, and have engaged the rooms on the top floor of the Commercial block on Main street.

The physical culture class under the direction of Mrs. O. G. Petrie will meet in the Universalist chapel on Monday evening, and an opportunity to join will be given all who desire.

Page Perkins, a converted infidel, has been holding meetings in the Advent chapel on Park street this week. The meetings began Monday evening and will continue over Sunday.

Unclaimed letters are advertised at the post office for E. D. Allen, Patrick Downes, George M. Durand, Foster D. Haveland, F. J. Rice, T. J. Sullivan, Tyler & Morse, M. F. Watson.

E. B. Taylor and family have been in Hartford, Ct., this week, where they were called by the death of Mr. Taylor's mother. The store was closed yesterday afternoon owing to the funeral.

D. E. Burritt, manager of the electric light and electric road companies, will move into the south tenement of G. H. Hastings's house on Central street; the house will be wired for electric lights.

A regular meeting of the Palmer Historical Society will be held Tuesday evening in the reference room of the library building. The subject for consideration will be "The colonial manners and customs."

"Town Topics," scheduled for next Wednesday evening at the opera house, is said to be "one of those happy creations of the twentieth century satirist whose one aim is to furnish a bright public with laughing material."

Wednesday was the beginning of Lent, and was observed in St. Thomas's Catholic church by the blessing of the ashes at 7.30 a. m. At 7 30 p. m. there was the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the distribution of the ashes.

H. A. Northrop has been cutting ice from his pond on the Thorndike road this week, and while he has not filled his house, he has a good supply of fine 10-inch ice. His ice houses on the Monson road are full, and he has enough for the season.

A series of special services will be held in the Universalist church during Lent on every Thursday evening, the series being opened last night by Rev. F. M. Bissell of Springfield. Next Thursday evening Rev. F. A. Bisby, D. D, will deliver the sermon.

Seven persons received final naturalization papers Monday evening and are now legal citizens of the United States: Harris A. Dupont of Palmer, Zephir LaCoste, Mark Cantin, Joseph Reilly, Rodulphe St. John, Albert Lebeau and Paul Bengle of Three Rivers.

The Democratic town committee announces that only such names will be placed on the ballot for the caucus next Friday evening as are presented to some member of the committee previous to 9 o'clock next Wednesday evening, endorsed by the names of ten Democratic voters.

The officials of the electric road are contemplating establishing a waiting room on Main street, where patrons of the line can find seats and shelter from the weather while waiting for cars. Since the opening of the Monson end of the line the demand for something of this sort has become almost a necessity.

There will be a union service of the Baptist and Congregational churches in the Congregational church Sunday evening, and Rev. C. W. Haines will deliver the sermon. Rev. F. B. Harrison of the Congregational church will take part in the temperance rally at the Congregational church at Thorndike on that evening.

A little boy of five, who has evidently attended Sunday school, was omitted in the passing of some home-made candy the other day, but evidently didn't intend to get left, for he sidled around to the one who was passing the candy, and backing up against her remarked, "God loves a cheerful giver." He got what he wanted.

The selectmen held a meeting in the library building Wednesday afternoon for the payment of the bills incurred the past fiscal year, and also drew orders for the salaries of the town officials. Another meeting will be held on Monday for the purpose of looking over the books, making up the juror list and preparing the town warrant.

The Palmer Historical Society at a recent meeting voted to ask the town for an appropriation for markers, to be set upon the graves of the Revolutionary soldiers who are buried in the Palmer cemeteries. An article to this effect will be inserted in the town warrant. There are 29 such graves in Palmer, 19 at Palmer Center and 10 in the Thorndike street cemetery.

C. L. Holden of Bondsville celbrated his 62d birthday Wednesday at the home of F. B. Pope on Central street, where his mother resides. The affair was of a quiet nature and those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Holden and daughter Mamie, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Holden, and Mrs. Pope of Middlebury, Ct. The party was entertained at supper and spent an enjoyable evening.

A cold meat supper will be given in the Universalist church next Tuesday evening at 6, followed by an entertainment at 7 30. The Old Maids' Convention, which was so successfully given at the Universalist church in Monson last Tuesday night, will be given after supper. These will serve supper: Mrs. H. D. Converse, Mrs. Stillman Ellis, Mrs. F. N. Carpenter, Mrs. Emma Gunn, Mrs. W. E. Stone, Mrs. J. H. Woolrich, Miss Angie Johnson.

Mrs. Myron Cowles of Springfield has been stopping at the residence of Miss Idella Holbrook on Main street this week and has been giving audiences to any desiring to consult her in palmistry. She was in attendance at the chicken-pie supper of the W. R. C. last week, and at the Mystery supper of the O. E. S. on Tuesday evening, on which occasions she gave many sittings. She is an expert in the science, and the consultations with her were much enjoyed by her patrons.

The town officers situation still remains in a passive state, so far as surface indications give any sense of the condition of affairs. But little can be gleaned from any source as to the apparent intentions of either caucus, though this must not be taken as an indication of apathy. There will be names enough on the caucus ballots, no doubt; the work is simply being done on the quiet. A belief which is steadily gaining strength is that at the Republican caucus will be presented a ticket bearing the names of C. L. Holden, M. J. Dillon and C. E. Fuller for selectmen.

One thing which patrons of the opera house would greatly appreciate is a change in the method of managing the lights during an entertainment. Instead of leaving the house in semi-darkness during the seating of the audience, with the consequent groping for seats, and a blaze of light during the performance, they would much prefer light to get in by and a darkened house when the curtain goes up, giving a better view of the stage and the actors upon it. A greater familiarity with the plan of the house on the part of some of the ushers would also be an improvement.

A telegraph messenger from the Springfield office paid an unexpected visit to Palmer last Sunday evening. He boarded the 7 27 express at the Springfield depot with a message as the train was pulling out for Palmer and was unable to get off, as the train had rapidly increased its speed. He was brought on to Palmer, where he alighted and sent back word by telegraph of his misfortune and waited for the train that gets in Springfield at 2.15 a. m. He reached that city in safety, after being gone nine hours on a ten-minute trip. The probable cause of his trouble was that he is number 13, the unlucky number.

The attention of the district court was occupied Saturday with the case of D. F. Holden of Palmer against Mrs. W. J. Easter of Brimfield for a commission on the sale of her farm a few weeks ago. Special Justice McFarland of Wales presided, and reserved his decision until to-morrow. Mr. Holden claimed that the sale was made through his agency, while Mrs. Easter's claim was that it was made through the Gould agency of Springfield. From the evidence it was shown that both agencies had brought the farm to the attention of the final purchaser. H. C. Strong appeared for the plaintiff and D. F. Dillon for the defendant.

"A Bunch of Keys," alleged to belong to Charles Hoyt, appeared at the opera house Tuesday evening. If they were Mr. Hoyt's he ought to take them in for the sake of his reputation; if they were not he ought to know what is traveling on his name. The piece was much heralded as one of Hoyt's famous pieces, and a large audience—the largest of the season—was present in consequence. There were some excellent people in the company, but the stuff which they gave the audience was pretty poor, for which they of course were not to blame. They was some good singing by two women and a male quartette, but there was not the slightest excuse for the calling of vile names in plain language, which occurred in the last act. The only wonder is that the man was not hissed. Nelson's orchestra of Monson furnished music in a very acceptable manner.

BONDSVILLE.

Next Sunday will be communion at the Methodist church.

Fred Alley has been confined to the house for a week with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Morse of Belchertown visited at O. A. Parent's Tuesday.

Miss Alice Merrifield returned to work Monday after two weeks' sickness.

The Epworth League will hold its business meeting next Wednesday evening.

Charles Collis and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ryther spent Sunday in Monson

Richard Donovan has recovered from his sickness and commenced work again Monday.

Mrs. Walter Colburn and son are visiting in Lowell, where they will remain several weeks.

Olin Parent sang at the Universalist church in Palmer at the five o'clock service Sunday evening.

A carload of people attended the Mystery supper and social given by the Eastern Star at Palmer Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryther left town Wednesday to visit in Montague City, Turners Falls and Greenfield, expecting to be gone about 10 days.

As Michael Austin was driving through the village Saturday in a carriage accompanied by two ladies the horse became frightened and turned suddenly around, upsetting the carriage and throwing out the occupants. One of the ladies was injured quite severely; she was taken to Dr. Smith's office, where her wounds were attended to.

The bean supper and entertainment given by the Ladies' Aid Society Wednesday evening was successful. The entertainment consisted of a piano solo, Anna M. Collis; tableau, "Going to Market;" solo, Olin Parent, violin obligato, Bessie M. Alexander; tableau, "He won't be happy till he gets it;" violin solo, Bessie Alexander; recitation, Gertrude Marson; tableau, "Good Night."

R. C. Newell of Three Rivers spoke in the Methodist church Sunday morning on temperance from a business standpoint, showing the advantage of total abstinence by employer and employes. Mr. Newell carried out the points made by many illustrations of things that had happened under his own observation. It was a very strong address in favor of temperance principles in business, and worthy of the consideration of all people. Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D. D. L. L. D., secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, spoke in the evening, touching upon the popular questions of the day, Cuba, Philippines, South Africa, and finally the black war of the South, referring to his past, present and future conditions. In regard to the work done by the society he represents, out of all the great number of students graduated not one has committed a crime or been lynched.

Birthday Celebration.

Selectman Charles L. Holden celebrated his 62d birthday Wednesday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Eliza A. Holden, on Central street in Palmer. Mr. Holden was born in Hubbardston Feb. 28, 1838. He received his public education in Charlton, then attended Wilbraham Academy. In 1864 he engaged in the grocery business in Hartford, Ct. For two years he was in the same business in Cleveland, and later he engaged in the grocery business at Three Rivers with his brother, Daniel F. Holden. In 1882 Mr. Holden opened his present business in Bondsville, which has grown to large proportions under the firm name of C. L. Holden & Sons. Mr. Holden has served several years as selectman, and was for 8 years postmaster of Bondsville. He is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He was married in 1860 to Miss Ellen M. Rodman; Alice M., Julia E., Lewis R. and Charles D., are their children.

[For Three Rivers and Thorndike news see third page.]

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactoryior money refunded.
C. A. LeGro, Palmer. O. P. Allen, Palmer
Fred M. Royce, Wales. G. L. Keeney, Monson
G. H. Stratton, Monson.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Converse avenue. 47-tf Inquire of W. W. LEACH, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—Pure blood Buff Cochin cockerels and pullets. L. E. CHANDLER, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—Extra large double bed and dressing table; in good condition. Will sell cheap for cash. M. SCOTT FRENCH, Palmer. 41-tf

TO RENT.—Two 6-room tenements in Cross Block.
Inquire of F. F. MARCY or D. L. BODFISH.

TO RENT in Three Rivers, a good house, formerly owned by Louis F. Hubert. Grand chance to keep hens. 31-tf D. F. HOLDEN, Palmer, Mass.

AUCTION SALE.

A tract of land located in the northerly central part of Holland, Mass., belonging to Alvin Hyde of Brookfield, consisting of one hundred and nine acres, will be sold for the non-payment of the tax of 1899, which tax amounts to nine dollars and three cents, on Saturday, March 17, 1900, on the premises at ten o'clock in the forenoon.
This tract of land is bounded as follows, viz: Bounded on the north by Thomas Patterson and Thomas Lawlor, on the east and south by the highway, and on the west by Geo. E. Lynn, E. R. Morse and Thomas Patterson. 47 3
C. F. HOWLETT, Collector of Taxes.
Holland, Mass, Feb. 22, 1900.

FOR SALE--
HOUSE
with nine rooms and bath room, hot and co'd water. Good barn and fine lawn.
H. W. SMITH, Palmer.

TRY OUR . . .
New Lunch Crackers.
They are extra fine.
We sell for 9c or 3 lbs. for 25c.
Smith-Hamilton Co.,
MAIN ST., PALMER.

Maine Standard Corn,	10c, $1 per doz.
Cold Packed Tomatoes,	10c, $1 per doz.
Lima Beans,	10c, $1 per doz.
Fancy Cal. Peaches,	25c, $2.50 per doz.
Yellow Peaches,	17c, $2 per doz.
Bartlett Pears,	15c, $1.50 per doz.

Smith-Hamilton Co.,
MAIN ST., PALMER.

Flour. . .
Washburn, Crosby Gold Medal,
Pillsbury's Best,
Bridal Veil,
For Bread.
Smith-Hamilton Co.,
MAIN ST., PALMER.

WANTED.—At once, a good man to drive team. M. LAFORD, Palmer. 48-1

TO RENT.—Tenement of 7 rooms on Central street. Furnace heat, both hot and cold water, desirable location. Inquire of 32-tf H. W. McGREGORY, Palmer.

Mrs. Ida Grenier,
GENERAL TRAINED NURSE,
Three Rivers, Mass., at residence Dr. Fournier. Telephone 2-4.

Stone's General Store.
Look at our new line of
LACES, RIBBONS, STOCKS,
Tuckings,
Puffings,
and Curtain Muslins.

PALMER OPERA HOUSE
MARCH 7th.
The Premiers of Comedy
The Broadway Comedians
In the Funniest of all Farce Comedies
"Town Topics."
PRESENTED BY A COMPANY OF
Comedians, Singers and Dancers.
OURS IS A COMPANY OF
Rightful Reputation,
Enviable Excellence,
Conspicuous Culture.
Seats on Sale at Allen's Drug Store.

LeGRO'S CHERRY BALSAM
For COUGHS, COLDS, and LUNG TROUBLES.
A family medicine for baby and adult. It should be in every household.
LeGro's Drug Store,
Main St., Palmer.

Picture Frames } Made to Order.
We are prepared to frame your pictures in an artistic manner. Call and see our samples of Mouldings at the Photograph Studio, Commercial Street, also at the Framing Department, Bank Block. Your orders for work solicited and satisfaction guaranteed.
We also call your attention to our many styles of Photographs which we are making in all grades of work, including the latest Platinum finish.
Portraits made in Crayon, Water Color and Pastel.
A good place to buy frames.
WOODHEAD BROS.,
PALMER.

"The Palmer Shoe Hustlers."
We Like A Man
Who wants the most for his money. He is business from the ground up. He will get there if anybody does. We will help you get here, if you let us figure with you on that new pair of shoes, as we will be able to help you
To Save Money
even on a pair of Shoes.
Men's Damp Proof Shoes, water proof lining in uppers and soles, extension soles, well made and durable, guaranteed to give good service.
$2.75.
Men's Tan Shoes, $3 quality, soft Russia Calf tops, plump weight soles, brass hooks and eyelets, every pair worth $3.
$2.50.
Men's Rubbers, light weight, storm cut, Derby toe, sizes 8 to 11, cut price
60c.
Ladies' Boston Rubbers, a few more pairs at
40c.
Children's Every Day Shoes, made in solid leather soles, good for young kickers, sizes 4 to 8,
50c.
Misses' School Shoes, lace and button, tan and black.
98c.
Men's Boston Arctics, light weight, sizes 7 to 10, marked down to
$1.25.
Western Mass. Shoe Co.,
Near Post Office.
HOLDEN'S BLOCK, PALMER.
Mrs. E. H. Pope, Manager.

NOTICE TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF PALMER.
Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the custom of previous years the Democratic Town Committee will prepare a ballot for use in the caucus for the nomination of town officers, Friday evening, March 9. That on that ballot will be placed only such names as are presented to some member of the Town Committee previous to 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening, March 7, endorsed by 10 Democratic voters of the town. 48-1
Democratic Town Committee.
MICHAEL J. DALEY, Chairman,
T. J. DWYER, Secretary.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Feb. 28th, 1900.
The Committee on Street Railways will give a hearing to parties interested in House Bill No. 948, accompaning the petition of Charles F. Grosvenor for legislation to authorize the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of baggage and small parcels of merchandise, and also to carry the United States mail, at room No. 431, State House, on Tuesday, March 13th, at 10 o'clock a. m.
C. W. HAZELTON, Chairman.
FRED C. GILPATRIC, Clerk of the Committee.

. . . NEW . . .
TABLE OIL CLOTHS.
. . . NEW . . .
WINDOW SHADES.
. . . NEW . . .
FLOOR OIL CLOTHS.
Stone's,
Palmer.

A Full Line of . . . . .
Laces...and Embroideries
Now in and ready for inspection.
Ginghams.
New and desirable for Children's Dresses.
Our Line of . . . . Dress Skirts
has arrived and contains many choice things at remarkably low figures.
Every Day Brings Something New.
Our Stock of . . . Spring Goods
will be larger and more attractive than ever.
Don't Buy Until You Give Us a Call.
D. L. BODFISH,
Cross Block, Main St., Palmer.

BEFORE INVENTORY.
FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS I SHALL SELL
FANCY CROCKERY
AT AND... BELOW COST,
INCLUDING LAMPS, TOILET SETS AND ALL FANCY CROCKERY.
E. B. TAYLOR,
HOLDEN'S BLOCK, PALMER.
REMEMBER WE ARE HEADQUARTERS FOR WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

An Opportunity
for the ladies of this vicinity to obtain exclusive styles in shirt waist patterns in foreign goods of confirmed designs.
We have just received from Lord & Taylor's, New York, their complete line of samples of imported shirt waist materials, including Linens, Madras, Oxfords, Cheviots, Mattes and Viyella Flannels for the Spring and Summer of 1900. It is unnecessary to state that it is an accepted fact that this concern is acknowleded as the leader in this country as importers of the best things in shirt waist materials. We think the ladies of this vicinage will appreciate this opportunity of obtaining something altogether different from piece goods or ready-to-wear garments previously shown in this neighborhood.
Your inspection solicited.
Clark
The Outfitter.
Hatter and Furnisher.
Corner Main and Central Sts., Palmer.

This Space Is Reserved For
C. W. HASTINGS,
INSURANCE AGENT.

LeGro's Headache Powders.
THEY WILL CURE.
MONEY REFUNDED IF THEY DO NOT.
AT LeGro's Drug Store,
Main St., Palmer.

BARGAINS IN
BOOTS ...and... SHOES.
Good reliable goods at low prices are what tell the story. We have a few broken lines which we shall offer at the following low prices:
9 pairs Men's Black and Russet Shoes that sold for $3.50 will go at $2.73.
4 pairs Men's Box Calf, former price $3.00, now $2.37.
One line of Ladies' Kid Shoes, former price $2.50, now $1.87.
10 pairs Misses' School Shoes, former price $1.25, now 97c.
These are all good fresh goods, but sizes are broken and we wish to close them out. If your size is here, they are bargains.
Men's Knit Boots with stub proof Rubbers, $2.10 to close.
F. D. Barton,
Dealer in Reliable Footwear,
Converse House Block, Palmer, Mass.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 2, 1900.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

Prize Speaking Contest.

The prize speaking contest which is held each year for the students of Monson Academy will be held in Memorial Hall next Friday night at 8 o'clock. The prizes usually competed for are the two Dewey prizes of $10 each, one for the boys and the other for the girls, to be decided by three competent judges. This year there are two additional prizes of $5 each, given by a person whose name is not made public which will be used for second prizes, one for the boys and the other for the girls. The judges are Dr. Flood of the epileptic hospital, Superintendent of Schools C. A. Brodeur of Chicopee and Rev. C. M. Olmstead of Three Rivers. The public is cordially invited to attent these exercises. The program:

"Over the Dancing Sea," Roeckel
Academy chorus.
"America Unconquerable," Earl of Chatham
Frank McGuire.
"Shame," Stephen Crane
Helen M. Moulton.
"The General's client," Adopted
Walter H Ballard.
"The Young Gray Head," Anonymous
Freida Rand.
"The Unconscious Greatness of Stonewall Jackson," Moses D. Hodge, D. D.
Jesse J. Maguire.
"Kentucky Belle," C. F. Woolson
Esther A. Beckwith.
"Swing Song,"—violin solo, Charles Fowler
Freola Osborne.
"Regulus to the Carthaginians," E. Kellogg
Nicholas E. Peieff.
"Pledge and Wine," Adopted
Ruth H. Johnson.
"John Adams on Independence," Daniel Webster
George W. Ellis.
"Building the chimney," Anonymous
Mabel L. Crocker.
"County Fair Waltz" Abt
Academy chorus.

Horse Shocked by Live Wire.

Fred Beckwith, a farmer living on East Hill, had a narrow escape Sunday morning. On his way to Palmer early in the morning, his horse came in contact with a live electric wire which the storm had broken down, near the residence of R. P. Cushman. Mr. Beckwith attempted to move the wire from the horse and in doing so received a slight shock. He summoned Mr. Cushman, who telephoned to the electric company and the current was turned off until a guard could be placed over the danger spot. Meantime Mr. Beckwith succeeded in getting his horse home, it being comparatively uninjured.

An epidemic of colds seems to have struck the town.

Mrs. Sarah Warren has returned from a visit at Palmer.

T. J. Sault has been drawn as juror for the March term of court.

The Century Club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. E. R. Cooke.

The Ladies' Circle met at the Universalist church yesterday afternoon.

The Current Events Club met this afternoon with Miss Hattie Cushman.

M. F. Moore spent the first of the week in New York city on a business trip.

Edson M. Walker is recovering from a relapse of his recent serious illness.

The students at the Academy will hold a sociable in the chapel this evening.

Mrs. M. M. Brown of New York state is visiting relatives at South Monson.

Edward Maguire of Hartford is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Maguire.

G. E. Grout has been confined to the house all of the week on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Rogers are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Henry A. King and W. A. Lincoln of Springfield were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. R. S. Coltman of Springfield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rogers.

John C. Chapman of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Flynt over Sunday.

Miss Mary A. Walker of the Springfield public schools is spending a week's vacation in town.

The University Extension Center will meet with Rev. C. C. Conner next Wednesday evening.

The slating of the gymnasium roof is well under way, the work being done by men from Worcester.

Miss Eva Pike of Amherst is in town on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Myron Pike.

Howard and Converse Lincoln of Springfield have been visiting at Mrs. W. N. Flynt's this week.

The King's Daughters' sewing circle will meet with Mrs. D. B. Needham next Wednesday afternoon.

Nicholas Hanley caught a pickerel from Ellis's pond last Saturday 22 inches in length which weighed 3 pounds.

J. E. Rindge, who has been spending a few weeks with his family on High street, has gone to Hopedale to work.

The stockholders of the W. N. Flynt Granite Co. held their annual meeting at the quarry office Wednesday afternoon.

Mark Noble will sell his livery and stage property at public auction next Wednesday at 10 o'clock at his residence on High street.

Preaching services will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Subject, "Sin its own telltale messenger."

Deputy Sheriff Osborne has received an appointment as agent for Hampden county of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Miss M. O. George opened her dancing class in Workman Hall Monday evening with 22 pupils, and had 14 children at the afternoon class.

T. H. Todd of Northampton, formerly proprietor of the Boston Store, was in town Wednesday and reports that he has a fine business at that place.

Miss Kate M. Coyle has bought the millinery business of Mrs. F. C. Lathrop of Stafford Springs, and will move her stock here to that place soon.

Miss Mollie Scanell will move to Springfield next week, where she has a permanent position as saleslady in the cloak department of Forbes & Wallace.

Misses Mary and Maggie Gavin leave Monday for New York, where they will remain a week looking after styles in spring millinery and dress making.

The monthly business meeting of the Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church will be held Monday evening next. There will be a social after the business, and a lecture by the pastor on "The comic in situation and in deed."

The G. W. Burdick estate has taken the contract to furnish about 200 tons of ice to J. C. Worth of Willimantic, shipped by the Central Vermont road. The ice is 12 inches thick, and they have a large force of men at work on the job.

Rev. C. C. Conner will preach Sunday morning at the Universalist church on "Paul's reproach." The subject of the Y. P. C. U. in the evening will be, "How does our Union benefit our town directly and indirectly?"

The Dorcas Society of the Congregational church has filled and shipped a large case of goods to a minister and his family located at Almira, Lincoln county, Washington. The case contains complete outfits for the whole family, and the estimated value is over $200. This plan is carried out by the society each year.

A series of Lenten services will be held in the Universalist church, the first next Thursday evening, when Rev. T. C. Druley of Stafford will preach; Rev. C. G. Miller of Warren will speak March 15; Rev. F. M. Bissell of Springfield March 20; Rev. O. G. Petrie of Palmer March 27; Rev. Charles Conklin of Springfield April 3; Rev. S. G. Dunham of Newton April 10.

The Republican caucus for the nomination of town officers will be held in Memorial Hall Thursday evening, March 22, at 7.45 o'clock. Petitions for names to appear on the caucus ballot must be handed to some member of the town committee before 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, March 19, indorsed with the names of 10 Republican voters.

The Old Maids' convention, under the management of Miss Lillian Chapin and Miss Seymour, at the Universalist church Tuesday evening, was a success financially, and the audience seemed to enjoy it. The receipts for the evening, including the supper, amounted to about $50. The Spinsters have been invited to hold a convention in the Palmer Universalist church.

Nearly 200 people from here attended the "Bunch of Keys" at the Palmer opera house Monday evening. There has been considerable complaint over the electric car service at the close of the show, but the majority of the people, although crowded somewhat, take into consideration that the road cannot afford to run a great many extra cars, and they were no more crowded here than in the large cities like Springfield, where at the close of a good show there is only standing room in the cars that run any distance. It is the people who have cried the loudest for an electric road who are the first ones to find fault with the service.

Lovers of good music will have a rare treat in the recital given by Mrs. A. D. Norcross at the Congregational church next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock: C. E. Lamson of Auburndale, organist, and Mrs. A. D. Norcross vocalist. The public is cordially invited to attend. The program will be:

Symphonic piece, Grieg
Adagietto, Bizet
Allegretto, Volkman
Kipling's "Recessional," De Koven
Toccata, Mailly
Cantilene, Pierne
With Verdure Clad, from "The Creation," Hayden
Prelude to "The Deluge," Saint Saëns
Wedding March from "Feramous," Rubenstein
Were I a Bird of Air, Hiller
Forget Me Not, Graban-Hoffman
Russian Romance, Hoffman
Fiat Lux, Dubois

THORNDIKE.

Court Hampden, F. of A., held a regular meeting on Tuesday evening.

Philip Plante and Christopher Belair of West Warren passed Sunday in town.

Fred Bishop of Holyoke spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bishop.

Miss Nellie Riley has been entertaining friends from Ware at her home on Commercial street the past week.

Misses Mary and Emma Dusseau of Ware spent Sunday as the guests of Miss Mary Bushman of Commercial street.

Many Thorndike people attended the Mystery social given by the Eastern Star at Masonic hall, Palmer, Tuesday evening.

Misses Nellie Corkrane and Irene Dineen of Monson spent Sunday in Thorndike as the guests of Cornelius Healey and family.

Miss Mary Munyan of Holyoke, who has been the guest of Miss Sadie O'Keefe of Pine avenue for a few days, returned home Monday.

Patrick Murphy of Springfield visited his aunts, Mrs. Joanna Grandfield, Mrs. Leo Foster and Mrs. Thomas Cavanaugh, on Saturday.

Miss Francese Terrill, principal of the grammar school, will give a series of readings to the pupils of the school, the first to be in the grammar school room next Monday evening.

Henry Roberts of Manchester, N. H., was in town this week, returning home Wednesday. He came to attend the wedding of his brother, Dallas Roberts, which took place Monday.

Wednesday being the first day of Lent, the blessing of the ashes took place at the morning service at St. Mary's church. The "Way of the Cross" exercises will be held this evening at 7 o'clock.

Eugene Sugrue of Palmer, employed as section hand on the B. and A. railroad, who was injured a few days ago while at work by getting a bad strain, is ill at the home of his mother, Mrs. Jeremiah Sugrue.

Warren M. Trumble, Miss Laura Johnson, George W. Keith Sr. and George Keith Jr. attended the funeral of Mrs. Harris Smith at Springfield on Monday. Mrs. Smith was a resident of this place several years ago.

Miss Mary Wonsky and Ike Kentuski of this place were united in marriage Saturday evening by Rev. F. J. Lynch. The wedding party adjourned to the bride's home on Church street after the ceremony, where dancing and refreshments were in order until a late hour.

The baked-bean supper at the Congregational church Wednesday evening was largely attended and a grand success. Rev. George M. Gerrish, pastor, who recently returned from Cuba, gave an interesting informal talk on the island, which proved highly entertaining.

Albert Bresette and wife of Harvey avenue were given a pleasant surprise Saturday evening by about 25 friends, who presented them a handsome chair. The evening was passed in a most enjoyable manner, and all present were royally entertained by the host and hostess.

James Cahill, 20, son of Peter J. Cahill, died at the home of his parents yesterday afternoon at about 4 30 after an illness of about six months with lung trouble. The deceased was a very popular young man of good habits and had a host of friends who mourn his death deeply. He was engaged in the employ of the Thorndike Company for years. He was born in Thorndike and had lived his lifetime there. Mr. Cahill was a member of St. Mary's Total Abstinence society and a sincere worker for the cause. He leaves besides his father and mother three brothers, John, Peter Jr., and Raymond, and one sister Irene. The funeral will take place to-morrow from St. Mary's church.

A Surprise Party.

Miss Gertie Gay was given a pleasant surprise Saturday evening at her home on Gay avenue, when about 40 friends called and gave her a handsome watch and chain in honor of her birthday anniversary. All enjoyed themselves with dancing and music until a late hour. Refreshments were served.

Pleasant Social Event.

The Misses Fleming gave an enjoyable party Monday evening at their home on Main street. Music and refreshments helped pass a pleasant evening. Those who were present were Mrs. Agues Mahoney and Miss Margaret Sullivan of Warren, Dennis Daly and wife, Miss Louise Longtine, Miss Bridgie Moran, Miss Katie Loftus, Frank Roche, John Riley, Dennis Doyle, John Moran James McGrath, William Watts, Michael Doyle of Palmer and Jeremiah J. Kelley of Thorndike.

THREE RIVERS.

Frank Cedilotte visited friends in Amherst Sunday.

Robert Blair has taken a position in the store of H. A. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson have been spending the week in Boston.

There was one session at the grammar school building yesterday afternoon.

The Mother's Club of Palmer met at the home of Mrs. H. A. Shaw this afternoon.

Daniel Dunn and William McConville are out of the mill this week on account of illness.

Lawrence Burlingame of Springfield is the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Story.

Mrs. Harriet Olds of Hardwick is spending a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. S. Foskit.

The monthly business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held in the Union church Wednesday evening.

A number of Three Rivers people attended the social of the Eastern Star at Palmer Tuesday evening.

W. F. Fillmore has had a gang of men at work this week filling his ice house on the Belchertown road.

Florence and Eda Avery of Springfield are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. E. Squier, at Barrett's Junction.

Mrs. Nelson Watt died Wednesday evening after a long illness with dropsy. She is survived by a husband and four small children.

The lecture on the South African situation, which was given in the Union church Tuesday evening by Prof. James W. Crook of Amherst College, was both interesting and instructive, and was enjoyed by a large audience.

WILBRAHAM.

Delbert H. Eaton of Wilbraham and Winifred M. Book of Springfield were married Wednesday at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. M. S. Howard.

EAST BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. P. A. Leach is sick.

Schools closed Thursday; Miss Lettie Leach is teacher.

Miss May Davenport of Davis has been the guest of her cousin, Will Davenport.

Lysle, the little daughter of W. C. Davenport, has been very sick with pneumonia but is on the gain a little at present.

HOLLAND.

A firm in Dudley has bought the pine timber belonging to Henry Switzer, W. L Webber and A. F. Blodgett.

Harris Merriam and George Lynn were thrown from their team in Southbridge a few days ago and quite seriously injured. The horse was frightened by the electric cars and overturned the carriage, throwing both the men heavily to the sidewalk. Mr. Lynn was unconscious when picked up, and Mr. Merriam's shoulder was painfully injured.

LUDLOW.

Two brick masons who were boarding at Mrs. Stewart's have had a considerable sum of money stolen from them by a roommate. About $40 was taken from one and $36 from the other, and no traces can be found of the thief.

One of the most important articles in the town warrant, and the one which will probably be discussed most at the town meeting, calls for new school buildings in the village and one in district No. 2. While Ludlow keeps up to date in school methods it has not the necessary quarters for the increasing population, and the school at district No. 2 should have immediate attention, as it is unfit for school purposes.

LUDLOW CENTER.

A union temperance meeting will be held in the First church chapel Sunday evening.

The W. C. T. U will hold its temperance prize speaking contest in Grange Hall next Wednesday evening.

A regular meeting of the Grange will be held Monday evening, when Deputy Herbert Sabin of Amherst will be present and the third and fourth degrees worked on two candidates.

The Ladies' Society has reorganized with these officers: President, Mrs. Warren Fuller; vice president, Mrs. E J. Streeter; secretary and treasurer, Miss I. T. Jones; directresses, Mrs. A. J. Clarke, Mrs. H. E Miller, Mrs. Lincoln Johnson, Mrs. Henry Munsing, Mrs. E. D. Francis, Mrs. Eva Miller.

BELCHERTOWN.

Mrs. Frank Bridgman gave a social Wednesday evening at her home on Pond Hill.

The Y. P. S. C. E. are planning to hold meetings at the town farm in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. George Saulter of Middletown, Ct., spent Sunday at the home of P. T. Saulter.

The services at the Congregational church Sunday were conducted by Rev. U. S. Woolworth of Jamesport, L. I., who was formerly pastor of the church.

A short tribute in memory of Marie Hopkins, who died of measles several weeks ago, was read by Miss M. E. King Sunday at the opening exercises of the Congregational Sunday school.

The euchre party was held at the Park View Tuesday evening and Mrs. David Shumway and Amasa Baggs received first prizes, Mrs. Pryor and L. W. Dillon consolation prizes.

Word has been received of the death in Alameda, Cal., of Henry Mellen, a native of Belchertown. Mr. Mellen was father of Mrs. H. W. Blake of Springfield, and brother-in-law of Nathaniel Dwight.

WEST WARREN.

Felix Laduc, the last one who was arrested for being found in Oral Laduc's gambling place when it was raided two weeks ago, was fined $5 last Friday morning by Judge Tyler.

The watchman at the No. 3 mill accidentally caused the bell to strike Sunday afternoon at about 5.40. It was supposed the mill was on fire and the church bell, which is used for fire alarms, was rung, calling out the fire department.

Charles Duresha and Miss Amonda Jullian were married Tuesday morning in St. Thomas's church, Rev. P. Trottier performing the ceremony. The church was decorated with flowers and evergreen, and the bride wore a dress of drab cashmere and carried a bunch of pinks. The bridesmaid was Miss Minnie Bodreau and the best man Mr. Garrow. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Duresha gave a reception in Crossman's Hall and were presented with a silver service in behalf of the band. Refreshments were served and music for dancing was furnished by Gregory's orchestra and the West Warren band.

WARE.

Forrest Reed of New York has been visiting his father, N. G. Reed.

The Republican and Democratic caucuses will be held Friday evening, March 16.

Six valuable horses belonging to G. C Wesson have been sick this week with pneumonia.

The proprietors of the Ware Steam laundry have dissolved partnership, M. J. Sullivan retiring.

John B. Charboth and Miss Josephine Dubuque were married Saturday by Rev. James Boyle.

James A. Macauley and Miss Sarah J. Waterfield were married Saturday by Rev. A. B. Bassett.

The Ladies' Society of the Methodist church netted $95 from their fancy goods sale last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hills left yesterday for Buffalo, N. Y., where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Rugg.

Oclide Deslauriers and Miss Olivine Decelle were married Monday in Mt. Carmel church by Rev. J. T. Sheehan.

In spite of the cold and wind a large party enjoyed a day's fishing at Beaver lake Monday, which was the last open day for February,

The high school athletic association held a meeting Monday and decided to apply for membership to the Western Massachusetts Interscholastic Association.

At a parish meeting of the Ware Unitarian Society held in the church Tuesday a unanimous call was extended to Rev. W. H. Brannigan of Boston to succeed Rev. A. C. White as pastor of the church. A new by-law on membership was also adopted, so that hereafter the name of each new applicant shall be placed in the vestibule of the church two weeks before the meeting at which such application is to be considered.

Considerable damage was done to the roads in the districts by Saturday night's storm. In the Griffin district the roadbed was torn up and rendered impassable for 150 feet. The road was temporarily closed and a large gang of men were put to work on it. A side road in the same vicinity has been indefinitely closed and probably will not be opened until after the appropriations have been made in town meeting. The streets in the village did not suffer much, as the water was soon drained off.

BRIMFIELD.

Harrison Green and George Streeter have gone to Boston as jurymen.

John W. Morgan is ill, but is a little better than he was a few days ago.

The town schools, with the exception of the one at Little Rest, closed last week.

Miss Adella Adams, who teaches in Fiskdale, is spending her vacation at the Home of Edward Hitchcock.

Horatio L. Converse will sell at auction next Wednesday a carriage, harnesses and household goods, preparatory to moving to Springfield with his family.

Frank Converse is at home on account of an injury to his knee, received by a fall while engaged in some work at the store where he is employed in Springfield.

Mary and John Carlin, the Lombard children and the Newton boys, have recovered from the measles. Among those who have come down this week are Kirk Kyle, Gladys Wood and Munroe Tarbell.

Miss Sophy and Horatio Converse were given a surprise by about 30 members of the Hitchock Academy last Wednesday evening. The young people carried tokens of their good wishes in the shape of gifts to Miss Sophy and her brother, the former receiving a manicure set and other toilet articles, and the latter a silver-mounted brush and comb. Miss Sophy has been a member of the class of 1900 until the present time. She will soon remove with her parents to Springfield.

Death of Jonathan P. Webber.

Jonathan P. Webber, 83, an aged and respected resident of Brimfield, died at his home at 2 o'clock this morning after an illness of a year's duration. He has been in poor health for some time, and since last September had gradually failed until last Monday, when he became worse and has since been confined to bed. Mr. Webber was born in Brimfield in June, 1817, where he resided for some time, later removing to Wales. He then moved back to Brimfield and has resided there for about 40 years. On November 9, 1841, he married Sarah A. Green of Wales, and ten children were the result of this union. His first wife died in 1881, and about three years later he married Mrs. Upham of Brimfield, who survives him. He also leaves three sons and three daughters, Charles M. of Monson, Fred M. of Palmer, Dr. H. G. of Wilbraham, Mrs. E. M. Miller of Coventry, Ct., Mrs. Hattie S. Webber of Boston and Mrs. Albert Butterworth of Rutland, Vt.

School Entertainment.

The Little Rest School gave a very successful entertainment Saturday evening. The entertainment was designed for the 22d, but only a few could attend on account of the bad weather, and the program was only partially carried out on that night by reason of the illness of one of the pupils. On Saturday evening there was an attendance of about 70 people from different parts of the town. The desks were taken out and settees were carried in, and the schoolroom presented a very attractive appearance, being tastefully decorated. The entertainment consisted of recitations, songs and dialogues and reflected much credit upon the pupils and their teacher, Miss Mott. After the children's performance, Postmaster Pierson gave a graphophone exhibition. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be devoted to the purchase of a flag.

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Softleigh—"Did you—aw—evah make up vouah mind to accept the inevitable?" Miss Oldgirl—"Oh, Percy! This is so sudden."—*Philadelphia Record.*

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DESTROYING THE CHILDREN.

"Do American men and women realize that in five cities of our country alone there were during the last school term over sixteen thousand children between the ages of eight and fourteen taken out of the public schools because their nervous systems were wrecked, and their minds were incapable of going on any further in the internal cramming system which exists to-day in our schools?" inquires Edward Bok in the January *Ladies' Home Journal.* "And these sixteen thousand helpless little wrecks," he continues, "are simply the children we know about. Conservative medical men who have given their lives to the study of children place the number whose health is shattered by overstudy at more than fifty thousand each year. It is putting the truth mildly to state that, of all American institutions, that which deals with the public education of our children is at once the most faulty, the most unintelligent and the most cruel."

THE WRONG HAT.—Mr. Perkins has been visiting his wife's relatives up in Maine. While there he attended church one Sunday. He did not want to go, but his wife thought is would do him good. The sermon was long and prosy, and Perkins went to sleep. As he did not snore, his wife did not notice that he was in the arms of Morpheus. She was busy taking mental notes of a bonnet worn by a lady from Boston, who occupied the pew just in front of them. The sermon came to an end at last, but Perkins slept peacefully on. The deacons began to take up the collection. When the hat was passed to Perkins his wife was surprised to see that he did not respond. She nudged him violently to bring him to his senses. Perkins sat up with a start. Gazing in a bewildered manner at the extended hat and then at the deacon, he shook his head sleepily, and said: "That isn't my hat. Mine had a blue lining."—*Life.*

A NEW USE FOR DISINFECTION.—An English clergyman was walking through the outskirts of his parish one evening when he saw one of his parishioners very busy whitewashing his cottage. The parson, pleased at these somewhat novel signs of cleanliness, called out, "Well, Jones, I see you're making your house nice and smart." With a mysterious air, Jones, who had recently taken the cottage, descended from the ladder, and slowly walked to the hedge which separated the garden from the road. "That's not 'xac'ly the reason why I'm a-doin' of this 'ere job," he whispered, "but the last two couples as lived in this 'ere cottage 'ad twins; so I says to missus, 'I'll tak' an' whitewash the place so as there mayn't be no infection.' Yo' see, sir, as 'ow we got 10 of 'em already."—*Argonaut.*

THE PERNICIOUS GRUMBLING HABIT.—Do not let your child acquire the habit of grumbling. Stop the first beginnings and it will never become a habit. If there is just cause of complaint, try to remedy it; if there is no possibility of improvement, teach that silent endurance is the best way to meet the inevitable. It is never wise to stay in a place and grumble. If the things you dislike cannot be altered, change your environment. If on reflection you decide that, balancing one thing with another you would rather bear the ills you know than fly to others that you know not of, bear them in silence.—February *Ladies' Home Journal.*

SOME QUEER EPITAPHS.—Here is an epitaph from a cemetery in Woodstock, N. Y.:

He rushed into eternity,
His fearful God to view,
He neither settled his affairs,
Nor bade his friends adieu.

And here's another:

Forty years a maiden,
Two years a wife,
Six months a mother,
And that took my life.

And still another:

Beneath these willows and under these stones
Lieth the body of Lydia Jones;
Her name was Lloyd. It was not Jones,
But Jones is used to rhyme with stones.
—*Buffalo Enquirer.*

Not quite certain.—"Yes, Eddie was slightly wounded in the first fight. We have a letter from the regimental surgeon." "Where was he wounded?" "We are not quite sure. The surgeon mentioned the place, but we don't know whether it is an anatomical phrase or a Filipino town."—*Plain Dealer.*

"What kind of a cook are you?" he asked of the maid he loved so true. "Before I tell," said she, "what kind of a hired man are you?"—*Life.*

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamnick & Co. of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at C. A. LeGro's drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

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Table Talk.

"A March Pot-Pourri," by Lucy Elliot Keeler, is the opening article in the March issue of *Table Talk.* It is interestingly written and will entertain as well as profit its readers. "About the House" is a third paper of a series of articles on this subject. It is written by a practical housekeeper. "Family Cake Baking for Young Housekeepers," is an article full of plain practical instruction of great value to new beginners in housekeeping; perhaps to some older ones too. "The Department All Through the Year," always has just the information that progressive women are seeking. "The Household Inquiry Department" answers all questions that perplex the worried housewife. This department is made up entirely of questions asked by the subscribers and answered by the editor. *Table Talk* is just what every housekeeper needs every day. It teaches exhaustively the art of good cooking, of wise and economical living. Our readers can obtain a specimen copy of this helpful magazine by addressing the *Table Talk* Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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A WARM NEST FOR EARLY SITTERS.

The early chicks are the ones that give most profit. To hatch early one must have special nests, that the eggs may not be chilled. Put two grocery boxes together, one smaller, to go inside the other, with chaff beneath and around it. Build a nest inside the inner box of soft hay, having the opening just big enough for the hen, and build up around her, so that the sides are as high as the hen's back. Drive nails into the corners and set a cover upon them. Put the whole into the corner of an inner room in shed or stable, as this position will cut off the air on two sides. With a nest made in this way a good-sized hen will keep 13 eggs warmed up to the right temperature, while in the open, flat nest there would be risk in putting nine eggs beneath her. The hen has plenty of warmth for early hatching. The point is to retain it beneath her, so that the eggs may get the benefit of it. Remove the hen every day for food and water, and while she is off the nest throw an old blanket over the top of the inner box. It is worth while to take a little extra pains with these extra early chicks, for they will pay big profit in the following winter.—*New York Tribune.*

The wife—"The minister hit you pretty hard to-day, John." The husband—"I'm very glad you enjoyed the sermon, my dear." *Life.*

CARD.—I wish to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to neighbors and friends for their words of sympathy and deeds of kindness during the sickness and death of my husband.

MRS. JOHN F. DAWSON.

Palmer, Mass.

CARD OF THANKS.—We wish to extend our thanks to all who contributed toward our recent bazar, to the generous public for their patronage, the canvassers, to those who took part in the entertainments, and to every person who assisted us in any way to make our bazar the grand success that it was. Respectfully,

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CHAPTER V.

As people waked up in Milton the Wednesday morning after the shooting of Philip Strong they grew conscious of the fact, as the news came to their knowledge, that they had been nursing for 50 years one of the most brutal and cowardly institutions on earth and licensing it to do the very thing which at last it had done. For the time being Milton suffered a genuine shock. Long pent up feeling against the whisky power burst out, and public sentiment for once condemned the source of the cowardly attempt to murder.

Various rumors were flying about. It was said that Mr. Strong had been stabbed in the back while out making parish calls in company with his wife and that she had been wounded by a pistol shot herself. It was also said that he had been shot through the heart and instantly killed. But all these confused reports were finally set at rest when those calling at the parsonage brought away the exact truth.

The first shot fired by the man from behind the tree struck Philip in the knee, but the ball glanced off. He felt the blow and staggered, but his next impulse was to rush in the direction of the sound and disarm his assailant. That was the reason he had leaped into the street. But the second shot was better aimed, and the bullet crashed into his upper arm and shoulder, shattering the bone and producing an exceedingly painful, though not fatal, wound.

The shock caused Philip to fall, and he fainted away, but not before the face of the man who had shot him was clearly stamped on his mind. He knew that he was one of the saloon proprietors whose establishment Philip had visited the week before. He was a man with a harelip, and there was no mistaking his countenance.

When the people of Milton learned that Philip was not fatally wounded, their excitement cooled a little. A wave of indignation, however, swept over the town when it was learned that the would be murderer was recognized by the minister, and it was rumored that he had openly threatened that he would "fix the cursed preacher so that he would not be able to preach again."

Philip, however, felt more full of fight against the rum devil than ever. As he lay on the bed the morning after the shooting he had nothing to regret or fear. The surgeon had been called at once, as soon as his wife and the alarmed neighbors had been able to carry him into the parsonage. The ball had been removed and the wounds dressed. By noon he had recovered somewhat from the effects of the operation and was resting, although very weak from the shock and suffering considerable pain.

"What is that stain on the floor, Sarah?" he asked as his wife came in with some article for his comfort. Philip lay where he could see into the other room.

"It is your blood, Philip," replied his wife, with a shudder. "It dripped like a stream from your shoulder as we carried you in last night. Oh, Philip, it is dreadful! It seems to me like an awful nightmare. Let us move away from this terrible place. You will be killed if we stay here."

"There isn't much danger if the rest of 'em are as poor shots as this fellow," replied Philip. "Now, little woman," he went on cheerfully, "don't worry. I don't believe they'll try it again."

Mrs. Strong controlled herself. She did not want to break down while Philip was in his present condition.

"You must not talk," she said as she smoothed his hair back from the pale forehead.

"That's pretty hard on a preacher, don't you think, Sarah? My occupation is gone if I can't talk."

"Then I'll talk for two. They say that most women can do that."

"Will you preach for me next Sunday?"

"What, and make myself a target for saloon keepers? No, thank you. I have half a mind to forbid you ever preaching again. It will be the death of you."

"It is the life of me, Sarah. I would not ask anything better than to die with the armor on, fighting evil. Well, all right. I won't talk any more. I suppose there's no objection to my thinking a little?"

"Thinking is the worst thing you can do. You just want to lie there and do nothing but get well."

"All right. I'll quit everything except eating and sleeping. Put up a little placard on the head of the bed saying: 'Biggest curiosity in Milton! A live minister who has stopped thinking and talking! Admission 10 cents! Proceeds to be devoted to teach saloon keepers how to shoot straight!'" Philip was still somewhat under the influence of the doctor's anæsthetic, and as he faintly murmured this absurd sentence he fell into a slumber which lasted several hours, from which he awoke very feeble and realizing that he would be confined to the house some time, but feeling in good spirits and thankful out of the depths of his vigorous nature that he was still spared to do God's will on earth.

The next day he felt strong enough to receive a few visitors. Among them was the chief of police, who came to inquire concerning the identity of the man who had done the shooting. Philip showed some reluctance to witness against his enemy. It was only when he remembered that he owed a duty to society as well as to himself that he described the man and related minutely the entire affair exactly as it occurred.

"Is the man in town?" asked Philip. "Has he not fled?"

"I think I know where he is," replied the officer. "He's in hiding, but I can find him. In fact, we have been hunting for him since the shooting. He is wanted on several other charges."

Philip was pondering something in silence. At last he said:

"When you have arrested him, I wish you would bring him here if it can be done without violating any ordinance or statute."

The officer stared at the request, and the minister's wife exclaimed: "Philip, you will not have that man come into the house! Besides, you are not well enough to endure a meeting with the wretch!"

"Sarah, I have a good reason for it. Really, I am well enough. You will bring him, won't you? I do not wish to make any mistake in the matter. Before the man is really confined under a criminal charge of attempt to murder I would like to confront him here. There can be no objection to that, can there?"

The officer finally promised that, if he could do so without attracting too much attention, he would comply with the request. It was a thing he had never done before. He was not quite easy in his mind about it. Nevertheless Philip exercised a winning influence over all sorts and conditions of men, and he felt quite sure that if the officer could arrest his man quietly he would bring him to the parsonage.

This was Thursday night. The next evening, just after dark, the bell rang, and one of the church members who had been staying with Mr. Strong during the day went to the door. There stood two men. One of them was the chief of police. He inquired how the minister was and said that he had a man with him whom the minister was anxious to see.

Philip heard them talking and guessed who they were. He sent his wife out to have the men come in. The officer with his man came into the bedroom where Philip lay, still weak and suffering, but at his request propped up a little with pillows.

"Well, Mr. Strong, I have got the man, and here he is," said the officer, wondering what Philip could want of him. "I ran him down in the 'crow's nest' below the mills, and we popped him into a hack and drove right up here with him. And a pretty sweet specimen he is, I can tell you! Take off your hat and let the gentleman have another look at the brave chap who fired at him in ambush."

The officer spoke almost brutally, forgetting for a moment that the prisoner's hands were manacled. Remembering it the next instant, he pulled off the man's hat, while Philip looked calmly at the features. Yes, it was the same hideous, brutal face, with the harelip, which had shone up in the rays of the street lamp that night. There was no mistaking it for any other.

"Why did you want to kill me?" asked Philip after a significant pause. "I never did you any harm."

"I would like to kill all the cursed preachers," replied the man hoarsely.

"You confess, then, that you are the man who fired at me, do you?"

"I don't confess anything. What are you talking to me for? Take me to the lockup if you're going to!" the man exclaimed fiercely, turning to the officer.

"Philip," cried his wife, turning to him with a gesture of appeal, "send them away! It will do no good to talk to this man!"

Philip raised his hand in a gesture toward the man that made every one in the room feel a little awed. The officer, in speaking of it afterward, said: "I tell you, boys, I never felt quite the same except once, when the old Catholic priest stepped up on the platform with old man Gower time he was hanged at Millville. Somehow then I felt as if, when the priest raised his hand and began to pray, maybe we might all be glad to have some one pray for us if we get into a tight place."

Philip spoke directly to the man, whose look fell beneath that of the minister.

"You know well enough that you are the man who shot me Tuesday night. I know you are the man, for I saw your face very plainly by the light of the street lamp. Now, all that I wanted to see you here for before you were taken to jail was to let you know that I do not bear any hatred toward you. The thing you have done is against the law of God and man. The injury you have inflicted upon me is very slight compared with that against your own soul. Oh, my brother man, why should you try to harm me because I denounced your business? Do you not know in your heart of hearts that the saloon is so evil in its effects that a man who loves his home and his country must speak out against it? And yet I love you. That is possible because you are human. Oh, my Father," Philip continued, changing his appeal to the man by an almost natural manner into a petition to the Infinite, "make this soul dear to thee, to behold thy love for him, and make him see that it is not against me, a mere man, that he has sinned, but against thyself—against the purity and holiness and affection! Oh, my God, thou who didst come in the likeness of sinful men to seek and save that which was lost, stretch out the arms of thy salvation now to this child and save him from himself, from his own disbelief, his hatred of me or of what I have said! Thou art all merciful and all loving. We leave all souls of men in the protecting, infolding embrace of thy boundless compassion and infinite mercy."

There was a moment of entire quiet in the room, and then Philip said faintly: "Sarah, I cannot say more. Only tell the man I bear him no hatred and commend him to the love of God."

Mrs. Strong was alarmed at Philip's appearance. The scene had been too much for his strength. She hastily commanded the officer to take his prisoner away and with the help of her friend cared for the minister, who, after the first faintness, rallied and then gradually sank into sleep that proved more refreshing than any he had yet enjoyed since the night of the shooting.

The next day found Philip improving more rapidly than Mrs. Strong had thought possible. She forbade him the sight of all callers, however, and insisted that he must keep quiet. His wounds were healing satisfactorily, and when the surgeon called he expressed himself much pleased with his patient's appearance.

"Say, doctor, do you really think it would set me back any to think a little?"

"No. I never heard of thinking hurting people. I have generally considered it a healthy habit."

"The reason I asked," continued Philip gravely, "was because my wife absolutely forbade it, and I was wondering how long I could keep it up and fool anybody."

"That's a specimen of his stubbornness, doctor," said the minister's wife, smiling. "Why, only a few minutes before you came in he was insisting that he could preach tomorrow. Think of it, a man with a shattered shoulder, who would have to stand on one leg and do all his gesturing with his left hand; a man who can't preach without the use of seven or eight arms and as many pockets and has to walk up and down the platform like a lion when he gets started on his delivery! And yet he wants to preach tomorrow! He's that stubborn that I don't know that I can keep him at home. You would better leave some powders to put him to sleep, and we will keep him in a state of unconsciousness until Monday morning."

"Now, doctor, just listen to me awhile. Mrs. Strong is talking for two women, as she agreed to do, and that puts me in a hard position. But I want to know how soon I can get to work again."

"You will have to lie there a month," said the doctor bluntly.

"Impossible! I never lied that time in my life!" said Philip soberly.

"It would serve him right to perform a surgical operation on him for that, wouldn't it, Mrs. Strong?" the surgeon appealed to her.

"I think he deserves the worst you can do, doctor."

"But say, dear people, I can't stay here a month. I must be about my Master's business. What will the church do for supplies?"

"Don't worry, Philip. The church will take care of that."

But Philip was already eager to get to work. Only the assurance of the surgeon that he might possibly get out in a little over three weeks satisfied him. Sunday came and passed. Some one from a neighboring town who happened to be visiting in Milton occupied the pulpit, and Philip had a quiet, restful day. He started in the week determined to beat the doctor's time for recovery, and, having a remarkably strong constitution and a tremendous will, he bade fair to be limping about the house in two weeks. His shoulder wound healed very fast. His knee bothered him, and it seemed likely that he would go lame for a long time. But he was not concerned about that if only he could go about in any sort of fashion once more.

Wednesday of that week he was surprised in an unexpected manner by an event which did more than anything else to hasten his recovery. He was still confined to bed down stairs when in the afternoon the bell rang, and Mrs. Strong went to the door, supposing it was one of the church people come to inquire about the minister. She found instead Alfred Burke, Philip's old college chum and seminary classmate. Mrs. Strong welcomed him heartily, and in answer to his eager inquiry concerning Philip's condition she brought him into the room, knowing her patient quite well and feeling sure the sight of his old chum would do him more good than harm. The first thing Alfred said was:

"Old man, I hardly expected to see you again this side of heaven. How does it happen that you are alive here after all the times the papers have had you killed?"

"Bad marksmanship principally. I used to think I was a big man. But after the shooting I came to the conclusion that I must be rather small."

"Your heart is so big it's a wonder to me that you weren't shot through it, no matter where you were hit. But I tell you it seems good to see you in the flesh once more."

"Why didn't you come and preach for me last Sunday?" asked Philip quizzically.

"Why, haven't you heard? I did not get news of the affair until last Saturday in my western parish, and I was just in the throes of packing up to come on to Elmdale."

"Elmdale?"

"Yes; I've had a call there. So we shall be neighbors. Mrs. Burke is up there now getting the house straightened out, and I came right down here."

"So you are pastor of the Chapel Hill church? It's a splendid opening for a young preacher. Congratulations, Alfred."

"Thank you, Philip. By the way, I saw by the paper that you had declined a call to Elmdale, so I suppose they pitched on me for a second choice. You never wrote me of their call to you," he said, a little reproachfully.

"It didn't occur to me," replied Philip truthfully. "But how are you going to like it? Isn't it rather a dull old place?"

"Yes, I suspect it is, compared with Milton. I suppose you couldn't live without the excitement of dodging assassins and murderers every time you go out to prayer meeting or make parish calls. How do you like your work so far?"

"There is plenty of it," answered Philip gravely. "A minister must be made of cast iron and fire brick in order to stand the wear and tear of these times in which we live. I'd like a week to trade ideas with you and talk over the work, Alfred."

"You'd get the worst of the bargain."

"I hardly expected to see you again."

"I don't know about that. I'm not doing any thinking lately. But now, as we're going to be only 50 miles apart, what's to hinder an exchange once in awhile?"

"I'm agreeable to that," replied Philip's chum; "on condition, however, that you furnish me with a gun and pay all surgeon's bills when I occupy your pulpit."

"Done," said Philip, with a grin. And just then Mrs. Strong forbade any more talk. Alfred staid until the evening train, and when he left he stooped down and kissed Philip's cheek. "It's a custom we learned when in the German universities together that summer after college, you know," he explained, with the slightest possible blush, when Mrs. Strong came in and caught him in the act. It seemed to her, however, like an affecting thing that two big, grown up men like her husband and his old chum showed such tender affection for each other. The love of men for men in the strong friendship of school and college life is one of the marks of human divinity.

CHAPTER VI.

In spite of his determination to get out and occupy his pulpit the first Sunday of the next month Philip was reluctantly obliged to let five Sundays go by before he was able to preach. During those six weeks his attention was called to a subject which he felt ought to be made the theme of one of his talks on "Christ and Modern Society." The leisure which he had for reading opened his eyes to the fact that Sunday in Milton was terribly desecrated. Shops of all kinds stood wide open. Excursion trains ran into the large city 40 miles away, two theaters were always running with some variety show, and the saloons, in violation of an ordinance forbidding it, unblushingly flung their doors open and did more business on that day than any other. As Philip read the papers he noticed that every Monday morning the police court was more crowded with "drunks" and "disorderlies" than on any other day in the week, and the plain cause of it was the abuse of the day before.

In the summer time baseball games were played in Milton on Sunday. In the fall and winter very many people spent their evenings in card playing or aimlessly strolling up and down the main street. These facts came to Philip's knowledge gradually, and he was not long in making up his mind that Christ would not keep silent before the facts. So he carefully prepared a plain statement of his belief in Christ's standing on the modern use of Sunday, and as on the other occasions when he had spoken the first Sunday in the month he cast out of his reckoning all thought of the consequences. His one purpose was to do just as, in his thought of Christ, he would do with that subject.

The people in Milton thought that the first Sunday Philip appeared in his pulpit he would naturally denounce the saloon again. But when he finally recovered sufficiently to preach he determined that for awhile he would say nothing in the way of sermons against the whisky evil. He had a great horror of seeming to ride a hobby, of being a man of one idea and making people tired of him because he harped on one string. He had uttered his denunciation, and he would wait a little before he spoke again. The whisky power was not the only bad thing in Milton that needed to be attacked. There were other things which must be said. And so Philip limped into his pulpit the third Sunday of the month and preached on a general theme, to the disappointment of a great crowd almost as large as the last one he had faced. And yet his very appearance was a sermon in itself against the institution he had held up to public condemnation on that occasion. His knee wound proved very stubborn, and he limped badly. That in itself spoke eloquently of the dastardly attempt on his life. His face was pale, and he had grown thin. His shoulder was stiff, and the enforced quietness of his delivery contrasted strangely with his customary fiery appearance on the platform. Altogether that first Sunday of his reappearance in his pulpit was a stronger sermon against the saloon than anything he could have spoken or written.

When the first Sunday in the next month came on, Philip was more like his old self. He had gathered strength enough to go around two Sunday afternoons and note for himself the desecration of the day as it went on recklessly. As he saw it all it seemed to him that the church in Milton was practically doing nothing to stop the evil. All the ministers complained of the difficulty of getting an evening congregation. Yet hundreds of young people walked past all the churches every Sunday night, bent on pleasure, going to the theaters or concerts or parties, which seemed to have no trouble in attracting the crowd. Especially was this true of the foreign population, the working element connected with the mills. It was a common occurrence for dog fights, cock fights and shooting matches of various kinds to be going on in the tenement district on Sunday, and the police seemed powerless or careless in the matter.

All this burned into Philip like molten metal, and when he faced his people on the Sunday which was becoming a noted Sunday for them he quivered with the earnestness and thrill which always come to a sensitive man when he feels sure he has a sermon which must be preached and a message which the people must hear for their lives.

He took for a text Christ's words, "The Sabbath was made for man," and at once defined its meaning as a special day.

"The true meaning of our modern Sunday may be summed up in two words—rest and worship. Under the head of rest may be gathered whatever is needful for the proper and healthful recuperation of one's physical and mental powers, always regarding not simply our own ease and comfort, but also the same right to rest on the part of the remainder of the community. Under the head of worship may be gathered all those facts which, either through distinct religious service or work or thought, tend to bring men into closer and dearer relation to spiritual life, to teach men larger, sweeter truths of existence and of God and leave them better fitted to take up the duties of everyday business.

"Now, it is plain to me that if Christ were here today and pastor of Calvary church he would feel compelled to say some very plain words about the desecration of Sunday in Milton. Take, for example, the opening of the fruit stands and cigar stores and meat markets every Sunday morning. What is the one reason why these places are open this very minute while I am speaking? There is only one reason—so that the owners of the places may sell their goods and make money. They are not satisfied with what they can make six days in the week. Their greed seizes on the one day which ought to be used for the rest and worship men need and turns that also into a day of merchandise. Do we need any other fact to convince us of the terrible selfishness of the human heart?

"Or take the case of the saloons. What right have they to open their doors in direct contradiction to the town ordinance forbidding it? And yet this ordinance is held by them in such contempt that this very morning as I came to this church I passed more than half a dozen of these sections of hell, wide open to any poor sinning soul that might be enticed therein. Citizens of Milton, where does the responsibility rest for this violation of law? Does it rest with the churches and the preachers to see that the few Sunday laws we have are enforced by them, while the business men and the police lazily dodge the issue and care not how the matter goes, saying it is none of their business?

"But suppose you say the saloons are beyond your power. That does not release you from doing what is in your power, easily, to prevent this day from being trampled under foot and made like every other day in its scramble after money and pleasure. Who own these fruit stands and cigar stores and meat markets and who patronize them? Is it not true that church members encourage all these places by purchasing of them on the Lord's day? I have been told by one of these fruit dealers with whom I have talked lately that among his best customers on Sunday are some of the most respected members of this church. It has also been told me that in the summer time the heaviest patronage of the Sunday ice cream business is from the church members of Milton. Of what value is it that we place on our ordinance rules forbidding the sale of these things covered by the law? How far are we responsible for our example for encouraging the breaking of the day on the part of those who would find it unprofitable to keep their business going if we did not purchase of them on this day?

"It is possible there are very many persons here in this house this morning who are ready to exclaim: 'This is intolerable bigotry and puritanical narrowness. This is not the attitude Christ would take on this question. He was too large minded. He was too far advanced in thought to make the day to mean anything of that sort.'

"But let us consider what is meant by the Sunday of our modern life as Christ would view it. There is no disputing the fact that the age is material, mercantile, money making. For six eager, rushing days it is absorbed in the pursuit of money or fame or pleasure. Then God strikes the note of his silence in among the clashing sounds of earth's Babel and calls mankind to make a day unlike the other days. It is his merciful thoughtfulness for the race which has created this special day for men. Is it too much to ask that on this one day men think of something else besides politics, stocks, business, amusement? Is God grudging the man the pleasure of life when here he gives the man six days for labor and then asks for only one day specially set apart for him? The objection to very many things commonly mentioned by the pulpit as harmful to Sunday is not an objection necessarily based on the harmfulness of the things themselves, but upon the fact that these things are repetitions of the working day and so are distracting to the observance of the Sunday as a day of rest and worship, undisturbed by the things that have already for six days crowded the thought of men. Let me illustrate.

"Take, for example, the case of the Sunday paper as it pours into Milton every Sunday morning on the special newspaper train. Now, there may not be anything in the contents of the Sunday papers that is any worse than can be found in any weekday edition. Granted, for the sake of the illustration, that the matter found in the Sunday paper is just like that in the Saturday issue—politics, locals, fashion, personals, dramatic and sporting news, literary articles by well known writers, fatality, etc., anywhere from 20 to 40 pages—an amount of reading matter that will take the average man a whole forenoon to read.

"I say, granted all this vast quantity of material is harmless in itself to moral life, yet here is the reason why it seems to me Christ would, as I am doing now, advise this church and the people of Milton to avoid reading the Sunday paper, because it forces upon the thought of the community the very same things which have been crowding in upon it all the week and in doing this necessarily distracts the man and makes the elevation of his spiritual nature exceedingly doubtful or difficult. I defy any preacher in this town to make much impression on the average man who has come to church saturated through and through with 40 pages of Sunday newspaper—that is, supposing the man who has read that much is in a frame of mind to go to church. But that is not the point. It is not a question of press versus pulpit. The press and the pulpit are units of our modern life which ought to work hand in hand. And the mere matter of church attendance might not count if it was a question with the average man whether he would go to church and hear a dull sermon or stay at home and read an interesting newspaper. That is not the point. The point is whether the day of rest and worship shall be like every other day; whether we shall let our minds go right on as they have been going, to the choking up of avenues of spiritual growth and religious service. Is it right for us to allow in Milton the occurrence of baseball games and Sunday racing and evening theaters? How far is all this demoralizing to our better life? What would Christ say, do you think? Even supposing he would advise this church to take and read the big Sunday daily sent in on the special Sunday train that keeps a small army of men at work and away from all Sunday privileges; even supposing he would say it was all right to sell fruit and cigars and meat on Sunday and perfectly proper for church members to buy those things on that day, what would Christ say was the real meaning and purpose of this day in the thought of the Divine Creator when he made the day for man?

"I cannot conceive that he would say anything else than this to the people of this town and this church: He would say it was our duty to make this day different from all other days in the two particulars of rest and worship. He would say that we owe it to the Father of our souls in common gratitude for his mighty love toward us that we spend the day in ways pleasing to him. He would say that the wonderful civilization of our times should study how to make this day a true rest day to the workingman of the world and that all unnecessary carrying of passengers or merchandise should stop, so as to give all men, if possible, every seven days one whole day of rest and communion with something better than the things that perish with the using. He would say that the church and the church member and the Christian everywhere should do all in his power to make the day a glad, powerful, useful, restful, anticipated 24 hours, looked forward to with pleasant longing by little children and laboring men and railroad men and street car men as the one day of all the week, the happiest and best because different in its use. And so different that when Monday's toil begins the man feels refreshed in body and in soul because he has paused a little while in the mad whirl of his struggle for bread or fame and has fellowshiped with heavenly things and heard something diviner than the jangling discords of this narrow, selfish earth.

"If this thought of Sunday is bigotry or narrowness, then I stand convicted as a bigot living outside of the nineteenth century. But I am not concerned about that. What I am concerned about is Christ's thought of this day. If I understand his spirit right, I believe he would say what I have said. He would say that it is not a right use of this day for the men and women of this generation to buy and sell merchandise, to attend or countenance places or spectacles of amusement, to engage in card parties at their homes, to fill their thoughts full of the ordinary affairs of business or the events of the world. He would say that it was the Christian's duty and privilege in this age to elevate the uses of this day so that everything done and said should tend to lift the race higher and make it better acquainted with the nature of God and its own eternal destiny.

"If Christ would not take that view of this great question, then I have totally misconceived and misunderstood his character. 'The Sabbath was made for man.' It was made for him that he might make of it a shining jewel in the string of pearls which should adorn all the days of the week, every day speaking of divine things to the man, but Sunday opening up the beauty and grandeur of the eternal life a little wider yet.

"This, dear friends all, has been my message to you this morning. May God forgive whatever has been spoken contrary to the heart and spirit of our dear Lord."

If Philip's sermon two months before made him enemies, this sermon made even more. He had unconsciously this time struck two of his members very hard. One of them was part owner in a meat market which his partner kept open on Sunday. The other leased one of the parks where the baseball games had been played. Other persons in the congregation felt more or less hurt by the plain way Philip had spoken, especially the members who took and read the Sunday paper. They went away feeling that, while much that he said was true, there was too much strictness in the minister's view of the whole subject. This feeling grew as days went on. People said Philip did not know all the facts in regard to people's business and the complications which necessitated Sunday work and so forth.

These were the beginnings of troublesome times for Philip. The trial of the saloon keeper was coming on in a few days, and Philip would be called to witness in the case. He dreaded it with a nervous dread peculiar to his sensitive temper. Nevertheless he went on with his church work, studying the problem of the town, endearing himself to very many in and out of his church by his manly, courageous life and feeling the heartache grow in him as the sin burden of the place weighed heavier on him. Those were days when Philip did much praying, and his regular preaching, which grew in power with the common people, told the story of his night vigils with the Christ he adored.

It was at this particular time that a special event occurred which put its mark on Philip's work in Milton and became a part of its web and woof, a hard thing to tell, but necessary to relate as best one may.

He came home late one evening from church meeting, letting himself into the parsonage with his night key, and, not seeing his wife in the sitting room, where she was in the habit of reading and sewing, he walked on into the small sewing room, where she sometimes sat at special work, thinking to find her there. She was not there, and Philip opened the kitchen door and inquired of the servant, who sat there reading, where his wife was.

"I think she went up stairs a little while ago," was the reply.

Philip went at once up stairs into his study and to his alarm found that his wife had fainted. She lay on the floor in front of his desk. As Philip stooped to raise her he noticed two pieces of paper, one of them addressed to "The Preacher" and the other to "The Preacher's Wife." They were anonymous scrawls, threatening the lives of the minister and his wife. On his desk, driven deep into the wood, was a large knife. Then said Philip with a prayer, "Verily an enemy hath done this."

[CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.]

THE HAY MARKET.—"Had it not been the Sabbath day," said a Perthshire minister to an elder between the preachings, "I would have asked ye how the hay was selling in Perth on Friday." "Well, sir," said the elder, "had it not been the day it is, I wad just hae tell it ye it was gaun at a shillin' the stane." "Indeed! Well, had it been Monday instead of the Sabbath, I would have told ye I had some to sell." "Umph, ay, ou ay, sir. And had it been Monday, as you say, then I wud just hae tell 't ye I wad gie the market price for it."—*Every Where.*

GET AT THE CAUSE.

The Day of Drastic Drugs and Purgatives Has Gone By.

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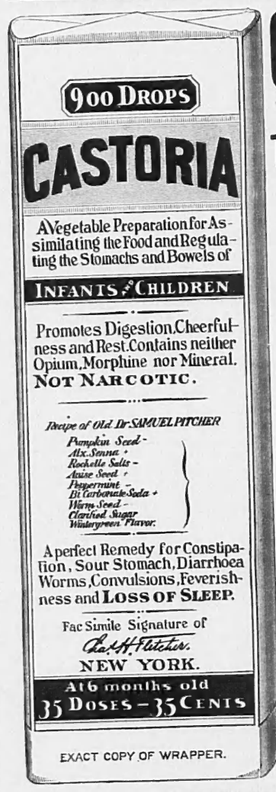
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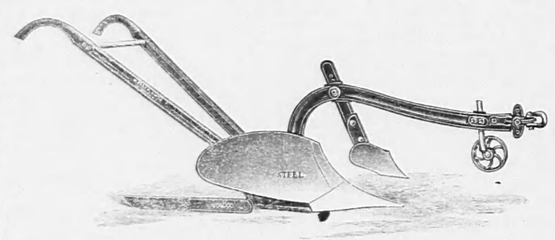

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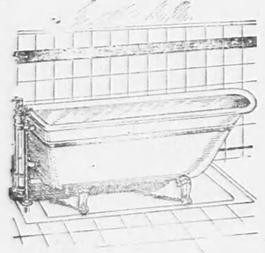

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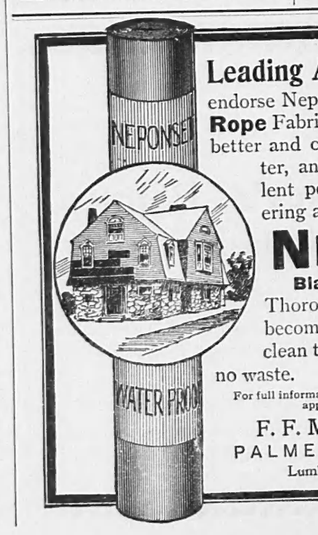

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REGARDING TOWN MATTERS.

Result of the Republican Caucus Held Last Night.

WHAT DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS WILL DO.

Important Articles in the Town Warrant--Matters for the Voters to Think Over.

The Republican caucus, held in the town house last night, drew out one of the largest, if not the largest attendance in many years, 252 votes being cast. In addition there were at least 100 people who took no part in the proceedings. H. W. McGregory of Palmer was made chairman and F. A. Upham of Three Rivers secretary; the checkers were H. W. Holbrook of Palmer, C. A. Tabor of Thorndike, E. F. Shaw of Three Rivers and C. D Holden of Bondsville. Contrary to the usual custom, there were two tickets in the field. They are given below, with the total number of votes for each candidate, a star indicating nomination. The ticket at the left of the column was in the main successful, receiving about 165 votes to 88 for the other. Many of the names were the same on both tickets. The town committee was instructed to fill any vacancy which might occur by reason of death, removal or declination to serve. The tickets and the vote:

SELECTMEN.		
*M. J. Dillon,	158	C. H. Hobbs, 89
*C. E Fuller,	168	G. M. Atkins, 86
*C. L. Holden,	168	J. F. Twiss, 84
ASSESSORS		
*H. T. Bishop,	248	John O. Hamilton.
*John O. Hamilton,	252	H. T. Bishop.
*J. W. Brainerd,	166	A. W. Warriner, 88
OVERSEER OF THE POOR, 3 YEARS.		
*R. L. Bond,	251	R. L. Bond.
TOWN CLERK.		
*J. B. Shaw,	251	J. B. Shaw.
TOWN TREASURER.		
*J. B. Shaw,	251	J. B. Shaw.
TAX COLLECTOR.		
C. W. Hastings,	122	*J. A. Hawkes, 127
BOARD OF HEALTH, 3 YEARS.		
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The Democratic caucus will be held tonight, and there seems little doubt that it will nominate Messrs. Twiss, Atkins and Hobbs. It is also expected to renominate A. A. Warriner for assessor, J. A. Hawkes for tax collector, and F. A. Ruggles for school committee from Three Rivers.

The warrant for the annual town meeting will be found in another column, and will be well worth reading by the voters, as there are numerous matters which they will want to think well over before attending the appropriation meeting, which is called for Monday, April 2. In addition to the usual articles for necessary town matters and expenses, some of the more important articles are to see what action the town will take to provide for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks, and if by-laws relative thereto will be adopted; to see if the town will pay for the placing of markers on the graves of the Revolutionary soldiers buried in the town; to see if $650 will be raised to pay land damages awarded by the county commissioners for widening Commercial street in Thorndike; to take action in the matter of the claim of the Palmer Water Company for expense in changing its pipe to make way for a sewer; to see if the town will vote to establish evening schools and raise $500 therefor; $100 is asked for the construction of permanent bicycle paths, under the direction of the selectmen; to act on the matter of increased school accommodations in the Depot village; to see if the town will spend $1500 for a new hearse; to see if a new sewer three feet in diameter shall be built through Main street from Central to Commercial street in the Depot village, and from there to the river.

A number of Thorndike people who are interested in the matter are asking why there is no article with reference to the work to be done in widening Commercial street in that village. The work is ordered completed to the satisfaction of the county commissioners by July 1st, and will involve the expenditure of two or three thousand dollars besides the land damages, yet no mention of this is found in the warrant.

Death of Ellis Dodge.

Ellis Dodge, 74, one of Palmer's oldest residents, died at his home on Park street Wednesday afternoon after a short illness. He was born in Croydon, N. H., in May, 1825, and came to Palmer when a small boy, where he attended the public schools and learned the carpenter's trade. After working at his trade for a time he went to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was superintendent of a street railway for several years. He returned to Palmer during the war and has lived here ever since. For a few years after his return he manufactured lamp black, but soon gave it up and began carpentering, which he continued to do until his death. He was a member of Thomas lodge of Masons, and was tyler of Hampden chapter at his death. He was married twice and is survived by a widow. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at his late home on Park street, and will be in charge of the Masons; Rev. O. G. Petrie will be the officiating clergyman.

Roads Badly Washed.

An examination of the roads of the town after the rain of last week Thursday revealed damage of a greater extent than was at first supposed. In many places the sides of the roads were washed away to an extent which left traveling dangerous, if indeed there was room for a single team in the center. Particularly was this noticeable on the hill roads Commercial street in the Depot village, down which the water poured in a torrent, was badly washed, and a large quantity of earth was needed to make it safe for travel. North Main and Thorndike streets are washed at the sides, as are also many other places. They are not dangerous, and probably nothing will be done to them until after the frost is out of the ground, but a goodly sum of money will be needed the coming year to put the streets and roads is as good condition as they were previous to the rain.

Fine B. and A. Trains.

The Boston and Albany road is running some of the finest vestibuled cars made on its through trains. The road announced this policy some time ago, and the cars have been appearing gradually since. This week has seen a marked increase in the number however. The "Governor's" train east at 10 in the morning, and the express west at 10 53 are the latest to be equipped with these cars. The cars are all new, and make a handsome train, on which it is a pleasure to travel. The entire train is vestibuled, doing away with many of the inconveniences and annoyances incident to the old style of cars.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS.

Many New Donations—New Members Admitted—Old-time Customs Recalled.

The Palmer Historical Society had a good attendance Tuesday evening notwithstanding the unpleasantness of the weather. Seventeen new members were received, and seven persons were elected as honorary members. It was voted to take steps to have the society incorporated, and O. P. Allen, J. C. Wing and Miss Sedgwick were appointed a committee to take charge of the matter and report at the next meeting.

These gifts have been received by the society since the last meeting: Picture of the Joseph Lee house built in 1780, and a tax receipt for 1769, found in the same house, presented by Mrs. Dora Olney; photograph of the old State Primary School, presented by B. Woodhead; fac-simile of the first town warrant of Monson in 1760, presented by J. C. Wing; two bullets dug out of the ruins of Fort Ticonderoga in 1874 by J. J. Green of South Belchertown; a copy of the Colster County *Gazette* for Jan. 4, 1800, presented by Mrs. Sarah Sedgwick Green of South Belchertown. This came from the estate of Mrs. Jonathan Webber to Mrs. Green, and has been well preserved. This paper is something of a curiosity. It is dressed in deep lines of mourning for the death and burial of Washington, and gives an account of the return of Bonaparte and Berther from the Nile to France. Among the advertisements we are informed that John Schoonmaker of Rochester wants to sell one half of his saw mill, also a stout, healthy, active Negro wench, which reminds us that great changes have taken place in a hundred years.

The closing exercises included a very interesting talk by Dea. Breckenridge on the school methods which obtained in Palmer when he was a lad. At that time there were only a dozen families in the present Palmer school district, with a one-room schoolhouse opposite the present park. His reminiscences of the past were often amusing, and yet he showed that even with the lack of the many present advantages, the little schoolhouse had graduated man who had risen to enviable positions. He paid a high tribute to the memory of Miss Cook, later Mrs. Strong, and Henry Converse, whose excellent instruction first inspired him to seek higher knowledge than could be found in the common school.

Mrs. J. C. Wing read selected extracts relating to colonial ways of living and some of the earlier customs, which were quite interesting.

Wilbraham Nominations for Town Officers.

The Republican caucus was held in Music Hall last week Thursday evening with C. E. Peck chairman and W. H. Day secretary, and the following candidates were nominated: Town clerk and treasurer, F. A. Fuller; selectman for three years, Jason Butler; assessors, George Rindge and Jessie L. Rice; school committee for three years, Ethelbert Bliss; one year, Dr. H. G. Webber; fence viewers, F. B. Benton, H. H. Burbank, Oscar F. Benedict and Jesse L. Rice; constables, William Kallman, C. G. Robbins, Augustus Friend, Luther Farr and D. H. Eaton; auditor, George A. Russell; library trustee for three years, Mrs. Levi Collins; tax collector, Walter M. Green; moderator, Frank A. Clark.

The Democratic caucus was held Friday evening and these nominations made: For town clerk and treasurer, Frank A. Fuller; selectman for three years, Jason Butler; assessor for two years, James K. Butler; assessor for three years, George L. Rindge; school committee for one year, Dr. Horace G. Webber; school committee for three years, Ethelbert Bliss; tax collector, W. N. Green; constables, A. A. Friend, C. F. Fuller, William Kallman, Alvin G. Robbins, Theodore Gebo; fence viewers, W. H. Bell, J. K. Butler, Marshal A. Lane, C. F. Pepper; library trustee for three years, Minnie M. Morgan; auditor, James Egan.

Belchertown Annual Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting on Monday resultedin a vote for no-license and the election of these officers:

Moderator, G. H. B. Greene; clerk and treasurer, Arthur Bridgman; selectmen and overseers of the poor, E. A. Randall, M. S. Barton, E. C. Witt; assessors, F. L. Stebbins, C. H. Randall, F. B. Alden; school committee, Mrs. M. D. S. Longley; auditor, Dr. C. B. King; tax collector, Samuel Allen; constables, J. B. Markham, Myron Barton, Michael Austin, Guy C. Allen, Jr., David R. Ward; trustees of special funds, M. S. Barton, Calvin Bridgman, Merrick Morse, Mrs. Guy Allen; fence viewers, Roswell Allen, George H. Munsell, Samuel Allen; measurers of wood, W. E. Bridgman, E. S. Warner, Almon Pratt, E. C. Witt, F. L. Stebbins, W. M. Goodell, Horatio Marsh, Guy C. Allen, Jr.; surveyors of lumber, Guy C. Allen, Francis Blackmer, Elliot Cummings, E. S. Snow, F. S. Stebbins, Homer Pratt, George Sanford, George D. Weston; field drivers, Henry Juckett, Frank Burnett, Clarence Lamson, Dwight Shumway, Thomas Ballou, Guy C. Allen.

The voters were on the watch for unnecessary expenditures, and all articles which called for seemingly superfluous appropriations were killed. The appropriations are:

Town expenses, $1450; schools and text-books, 4200; repairing and lighting town hall, 50; paupers, 1450; highways and bridges, 4000; cemeteries, 40; street lights, 100; total, 12,420. Liquor license: Yes, 106; no, 150.

An adjourned meeting will be held the 19th to act on the acceptance of a new street. It was voted to establish a polling place at South Belchertown, and to buy a new safe for the town clerk at the expense not exceeding $200

Freight Wreck in B. and A. Yard.

There was a freight wreck in the Palmer yard of the Boston and Albany road about 3 o'clock Saturday morning which was something of a curiosity in the manner in which a locomotive and two cars, having three clear tracks to work on, managed to get themselves completely "sewed up." An east-bound freight stopped on the main line and the engineer "kicked" a car down the track nearest the freight house. The brakeman on its top supposed that there were other cars on the track, so he set the brake and dropped off, calculating that when it struck the other cars it would stop. But the other cars weren't there and the car ran down to where the sidetrack joined the main Ware River track and stopped partly on this track. The engineer had a car for the Ware River yard, and after getting rid of car No. 1 started to back down that road's main line, and ran smash into the side of the car, which promptly tipped over on its side on the side of the cut. The car attached to the engine went the other way and blocked the west-bound main track, while the engine dropped its truck off the rails and jammed itself in the V between the cars so far that it couldn't be stirred without the wrecker from Springfield, which had to be called on to clear up the muss.

Farmers' Institute to be in Belchertown.

The Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society, the Belchertown Farmers' and Mechanics' Club, and the Massachusetts Creamery Association will hold an institute in Belchertown next Friday in Grange hall. Dr. C. S. Walker of Amherst will speak in the morning on "Trusts and the farmer." In the afternoon J. W. Stockwell, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, will speak on "Taxation," W. A. Moss on the "Gypsy moth," and it is expected that F. C. Richards will be present and speak on "The apple as a money crop." The Ladies' Aid Society will furnish dinner for 25 cents.

FACTS ABOUT THE INDIANS.

By a Former Palmer Boy Now Living Among Them.

HOW THEY LIVE IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

Interesting Account of Their Character in General, and Some of Their Customs.

The many friends of Rev. G. W. Christie, who formerly was pastor at Three Rivers, will be interested in reading the following extract from a letter written by his son, George N. Christie, who now resides in Indian Territory. Doubtless many of the friends and associates of the young man will remember him well.

The Indian Territory is occupied by five civilized tribes; the Creeks, Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickesaws and Seminoles. There are several smaller tribes beside these, but they do not have a government of their own and have mingled in with the five larger ones.

The population here is exceedingly mixed. Indians, Negroes, Mexicans, Spaniards, Frenchmen and Americans are the most numerous, although other nationalities may be found. Among these the Indian comes first, for the territory belongs to him. In the East and by people who have not an intimate acquaintance with him, the Indian is looked upon as a person to be pitied and protected. In some few cases this may be true, but from what I have seen and heard since I have been here, they are a dirty, lazy, dishonest set. They are also very shrewd and exceedingly suspicious of the white man. They seldom do any work, never when they can avoid it.

Some of the tribes are very wealthy. They live on their government allowance, which in the Creek tribe amounts to $55 to each Indian every three months, and the rent the white man pays him for the use of his land. They are, in fact, so rich that they will not work. An Indian will lease his land to a white man in the spring and will sit around all summer planning how he can beat him out of it in the fall. If one of them owes you a cent and you dun him when he has the money he will sometimes pay it, but he never loses a moment's sleep over the debt. If they used their money in the right way and were not so extravagant they would soon be far ahead in civilization, but instead of that it goes for liquor and gambling.

The Osage Indians are the richest tribe in the United States. Their reservations are in Oklahoma Territory. They live in good frame houses which are richly furnished. These are built by Indian traders and usually cost the Red men much more than they are worth. They wear costly clothes, but dress in Indian costume. It seems queer, but the Osages hire both white and colored help. I have often seen a white man waiting on an Indian woman or carrying a little papoose in his arms. One interesting thing about them is the way they bury and mourn their dead. Instead of digging a grave in the ground they place the body upright and pile stones around it until even the head cannot be seen, then after placing an American flag over it they go around mourning for three days with earth on their heads and wearing a white dress with only one sleeve. They still cling to the old way of marrying off their girls. Whenever a man wants a girl for his wife he offers a certain number of ponies to the father, and if the amount is satisfactory the bargain is made. The poor girl has nothing to say and is often compelled to marry an old man. I know myself of one case where a young girl married her grandfather. Just think, she is her own grandmother, a mother to her uncles, and if she has any children she will be both their great-grandmother and their mother. The unraveling of an Indian's relationship is a puzzle that very few attempt to solve.

The five civilized tribes have regular elections every four years. Each tribe elects a chief which to them is the same as the President of the United States is to us. Also a House of Kings and a House of Warriors, which correspond to our Senate and Congress.

The climate here is fine, although the summers are quite warm. There is however a great deal of malaria and very few escape it. The country is mostly rolling prairies, with stretches of rolling timber here and there. There are several rivers, chief among which are the Arkansas. Their banks are covered with oak, elm, pecan, hickory and black walnut trees. Only about ten per cent of the land is fit for agricultural purposes, while the rest is used for grazing. Each Indian is allotted one hundred and sixty acres, and he may either farm it himself or lease it to a white man. Among the farming products raised are cotton, corn, wheat, oats and millet.

Although there are many mineral deposits in the Territory, most of them are as yet undeveloped. There have been discovered so far mines of coal, zinc and lead which promise great things.

The Territory is as yet in its infancy. In the next five years there will be a complete change, and it cannot help being for the better. We believe this Territory has a bright future in store for it.

GEORGE N. CHRISTIE.

Red Fork, Indian Territory, February, 1900

Suits in Superior Court.

These cases are among those entered in the superior court at Springfield this week: Patrick Welch of Wilbraham against Charles Grise of Springfield, for an assault, $3000; Simon E Walton of Springfield against Estus S Ruggles of Ware, to recover the amount of a mortgage and certain taxes on property in Prescott paid by the plaintiff and which he claims the defendant is liable for under a deed, $2000; Jennie Frost of Ludlow against Eugene Randall of Springfield, on a judgment, $366; Wales Savings Bank against Ira M. Nelson of Wales, on a note, $1125.

Michael F. Austin of Belchertown has filed an attachment against B. Frank Emery of Palmer, in an action of contract or tort, $500. The Palmer Savings Bank has filed an attachment against Elbridge J. and Ollie M. Wood of Springfield and Orrin P. Allen, of Palmer, in an action of contract, $2000, the attachment being on the property of the Woods only, although Mr. Allen is mentioned in the writ.

Narrow Escape at Ware.

John J. Kidgell, freight agent at the Boston and Maine yard in Ware, had a narrow escape from death Tuesday afternoon while walking from the freight office to the blacksmith shop. Two cars were standing on one of the tracks which he had to cross, and just as he reached it the switching engine backed against them and set them in motion. Mr. Kidgell was knocked down between the rails with a good deal of force, but fortunately fell parallel with the track, the cars passing over him only slightly bruising his shoulder. A younger brother of Mr. Kidgell's was run down by freight cars in the yard at Gardner about two weeks ago and instantly killed.

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

BOSTON, March 9, 1900.

Politics cuts quite a figure in the Legislature this week, even though the honest folks freely admit that it ought not to be so. But there is a closer connection between the chairman of the Republican state committee and the headquarters of the Democratic state committee and the Legislature than ever appears from the reports in the daily newspapers, or than the public supposes. The Legislature gets plenty of free advice from outside statesmen who are overanxious as to how the course of the Legislature will affect the prospects of the party. Secretary McNary of the Democratic state committee is a member of the House of Representatives this year, and his official position, added to the fact that he is one of the best speakers in the House, makes the connection between the party organization and the Legislature extremely close. Only this week a graduate from the Legislature tells me of an interview he has had with Gov. Crane in which he urged upon the governor the necessity of holding the Legislature to stricter account and making it look out better for the good of the Republican party. His idea was that these many investigations which are pending are not instituted for the public good, but for the sake of enabling somebody to make capital, personal, business or political, at the expense of the state. He believed that the party leaders should tell the Legislature to attend to legitimate business and let the investigations alone. Therefore, if Gov. Crane sends to the House a special message recommending the members to be careful and not hurt the Republican party, it will be evidence that this statesman's visit to His Excellency was not in vain. Per contra, if no such message appears, then it will be proof that the governor still believes that he needs no such advice.

One of these investigations, which the public would like to see the bottom of, but which may be used for purposes quite different from the public good, is the investigation into the Boston gas situation. John Donohue, secretary of the Addicks gas company in Delaware,—and therefore supposed to know much about the operations of the previous gas ring in Boston,—said that the gas people used to put out considerable money for the entertainment of the Legislature. He also said that the newspapers were influenced by the money which was spent by the old gas ring. He named one paper whose editorials, he said, were paid for. But this credibility was shaken by the proof that the capital stock of his own company was $1,000,000,000, while he said that it was only $100,000,000. It will be noticed, by the way, that this enormous capital is the largest of any corporation in the United States, and it raises the question why such a company should need such a vast quantity. The most interesting witness at the investigation is Henry M. Whitney. He pretended to be very ready to explain his affairs to the public, but when it came to close quarters, he refused to give much more than could be found in the official reports. "I decline to answer," was a favorite formula with him, and he kept insisting that the public had no right to know his private affairs, even if those affairs were in connection with a public service corporation. He acted more like a man at bay than like a man unbosoming himself for the benefit of the public. Where it was possible, he referred to the official report for the answer, and if a matter was not of official record he would generally refuse to answer.

If the public will follow this investigation it will learn something to its advantage, for it is expected that George W. Anderson, the counsel for the side opposing the gas ring, will introduce tables prepared from official reports showing the cost of producing gas and showing that the price may well be reduced materially below what is the current figure charged to-day. Evidently the gas war is on and will rage with bitterness, for the Haverhill gas security company has appealed from the decision of the gas and electric light commission, and will try to prove that it is impossible to comply with the order to reduce the price to 80 cents per 1000, but will affirm that $1 is the lowest possible price consistent with profit.

The railroad commissioners have given a public hearing upon the questions asked by the House regarding the Boston and Albany railroad. It does not appear that the supreme court has taken any such step in regard to the other questions asked by the Legislature at the same time upon the same subject. Each board of authority has over a week longer in which to answer the questions. Meanwhile the subject continues to throw its shadow over the Legislature, and it will be fought out sharply before the end is reached. The question takes several forms. Shall the state buy the road outright? Shall it merely regulate the management? Shall it retain in the lease to the New York Central the power of the state at any time to take the road under existing terms? Business and political interests are both deeply involved.

Spelling reform has gone by the board this year, for the House has reversed its position and refused to pass the bill to be engrossed by 27 yeas to 78 nays, whereas they ordered to a third reading by 81 yeas to 31 nays. The little fling which is said to have done much to defeat the bill was the remarks of Mr. Weeks of Fall River that the Legislature did not wish to seem to be made up of spellers like Josh Billings or Petroleum V. Nasby. But the fact is that the present spelling is really far more ridiculous than this humorous spelling, if we were not accustomed to the forms. But it was surprising to see how much support the improved spelling had and how little was said against it. If newspapers and school committees would permit "program" instead of "programme," and "definit" instead of "definite," and so on, people would soon get used to it. It has been computed that the full spelling reform will save 11 per cent of the space now used by words, while the reform proposed in the pending bill would save two per cent, or $2 in every $100 of our printing bills, to say nothing of the much more important considerations of children's time in studying and in better etymological forms.

Scientific temperance instruction does not cut the figure this year which it did a year ago. Then the battle raged for days in the committee on education, and was followed by a divided report and debate in the House, ending in defeat for those who wish for stricter legislation. This year the matter attracted comparatively little attention, and this week the committee has made a unanimous adverse report on changing the law.

The House finished the Cape Cod canal bill on Wednesday afternoon, and it went on record in favor of a stock-watering scheme in contrast with the stock-watering laws of 1894, in the passage of which Speaker Myers, who was then head of the judiciary committee, had a prominent part. The vote was close, being 89 yeas to 96 nays and 19 pairs on a substitute bill offered by Mr. Colby of Boston, which gave the company the opportunity to issue all the stock which is necessary and yet eliminated the stock-watering feature. As on the previous vote, the Democrats gave a large party majority for the objectionable measure, while the Republicans gave a large party majority against it. The bill now goes to the Senate, which is more sus

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FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 9, 1900.

PALMER NEWS.

High Honors for a Palmer Boy.

Word has been received that Ernest E. Hobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hobson of Pleasant street, was admitted to the Kennebec County Bar at the sitting of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court at Augusta yesterday. The examination was one of the hardest ever given in the state of Maine, and Judge Whitehouse complimented Mr. Hobson for his creditable standing in the examination, saying that it was one of the best examinations ever passed in Kennebec county. The many friends of Mr. Hobson in town will be pleased to learn of his creditable showing, which reflects much honor on the town and especially the public schools, wherein he received his education. He is a graduate of the Palmer high school in the class of '96, and upon graduation he was added to the reportorial staff of the JOURNAL, where for two years he did faithful and excellent work, meanwhile studying law in the office of Judge Leach in the evenings. At present Mr. Hobson is attending the University of Maine School of Law, from which institution he will be graduated in June. Mr. Hobson has done excellent work while in attendance at the law school, and will be graduated with the highest honors of his class. He is to represent the law department of the college at the commencement exercises in June, when he will deliver an oration. This is an unusual honor for a young man who has been competing against graduates of some of the best colleges. Both honors are such as any young man may well covet, and are marks of unusual ability.

E. R. Pierce has gone to Providence for a visit of a week.

Mrs. George Keith is quite ill at her home on Squier street.

J. F. Fenton went to Boston Tuesday for a visit among friends.

F. N. Carpenter and C. C. Learned have been drawn as jurors.

Lea, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Dalrymple, has scarlet fever.

Mrs. Mary Blanchard has returned from a visit with friends in Pittsfield.

E. W. Burns of Winchendon, formerly of Palmer, was in town Monday.

Mrs. L. E. Chandler and daughter are visiting friends in Willimantic.

Hazel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Stebbins, is sick with scarlet fever.

Vesper services will be held at 5 p. m. Sunday in the Universalist church.

The Mothers' Club will meet with Mrs. D. L. Bodfish next Friday afternoon.

Mrs. L. A. Royce, who has been seriously ill for a long time, is very much better.

The W. R. C. will meet next Friday night in Memorial Hall for its regular meeting.

Henry Harrison of New Haven spent Sunday with his brother, F. W. Harrison.

One man received final naturalization papers last Saturday, and six on Monday.

C. A. Royce slipped and fell near the Flynt office yesterday, spraining his knee.

Heard or seen any robins or bluebirds? There are those who claim to have done so.

Frank Dillon was home from Brown University over Sunday, returning Monday.

Miss Molly Foley of Ware has been a guest of Mrs. F. M. Connor on Pleasant street this week.

A shooting gallery has been opened in one of the vacant stores in the Nassowanno block.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society will meet in the Congregational church on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Cecil Whitcomb, who has been seriously ill, is better and is now considered out of danger.

Mrs. E. N. Fay, who has been very ill at her home the past three weeks, is slowly improving.

H. P. Holden has been confined to the house by sickness this week, but is now recovering.

L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R., will hold a regular meeting in Memorial Hall Wednesday evening.

There will be a regular communication of Thomas lodge of Masons in Masonic Hall Monday night.

Miss Nina Whitcomb of Swanzey, N. H., is the guest of her brother, Cecil Whitcomb on Squier street.

Mrs. William H. Whiting of Greenfield is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. B. May, on South Main street.

Unclaimed letters are advertised at the post office for Mrs. Lucy Kingham Hewitt and John S. Jones.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 3 with Mrs. Cambridge Moulton on Maple street.

The Woman's Tuesday Club will meet at the home of Mrs. C. K. Gamwell on Park street Tuesday afternoon.

The pipe organ in the Universalist church has been repaired and tuned this week by A. E. Olney of Pittsfield.

Miss Florence Maynard of Springfield has been a guest at the home of G. H. Hastings on Pleasant street this week.

Mr. Knowlton of Marlboro has taken a position in the furniture store of H. G. Loomis on North Main street.

Palmer council, Knights of Columbus, held a regular meeting last night and worked the first degree on a candidate.

John Manning is moving from Commercial block to G. B. Kenerson's house opposite the engine house on Park street.

Mrs. Cook of South Hadley Falls has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Thompson on Park street this week.

D. F. Burritt, manager of the electric companies, is moving his furniture into the Hastings tenement on Central street.

Miss Myrtle McQuaid of Chatham, N. Y., is visiting Miss Mignon Fuller. Miss Fuller will go to Chatham to-morrow for a visit.

The Lend-a-Hand will hold a regular meeting in the parlors of the Congregational church next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. G. D. Beecher and son, Mrs. E. S. Beecher and R. S. Walls of Springfield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Crofton Sunday.

F. D. Barton's daughter has recovered from scarlet fever and the house has been fumigated. Grace Thompson has also recovered.

The selectmen held a meeting Monday and closed up their business for the year. Frank Phaneuf was appointed a registrar of voters for three years.

Eugene Perkins, formerly a fireman on the Ware River road, now with the Nonotuck Silk Co. of Hartford, called on friends in town yesterday.

John Riley has resigned his position with the Central Massachusetts Electric Company and taken one in New York. He is succeeded by Charles Atkins.

There was a good attendance at the physical culture class in the Universalist church Monday evening, and the class will meet again next Monday night.

Mrs. F. M. Eager left Tuesday for New York, where she will join her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Taylor, and go South, where they will spend the month of March.

E. D. Tufts has returned from his trip on the road for O. J. Powers & Sons, and has assumed charge of the bicycle department in the store of E. A. Buck & Co.

The decision in the case of D. F. Holden against Mrs. W. J. Easter, which was to have been given in the district court Saturday, was postponed until to-morrow.

A lost pocketbook is advertised for in another column. The owner values the article for association's sake, and is very anxious to recover it, and offers a reward for its return.

C. A. LeGro, who has been confined to the house for a number of weeks as the result of an accident, has so far recovered that he was at his place of business for a couple of hours yesterday.

The first arbutus of the season was brought into the village Monday by Mrs. Deland, living east of the electric light plant, who found it nearly blossomed in a warm sheltered place.

Walter DeCarter, who has been train porter at the Converse House for some time, is succeeded by John McKelligott, who has been night clerk. This position will be filled by Peter Riley of Thorndike.

New signals, operated from the signal tower, were put in place Tuesday governing the movement of south bound trains from the two side tracks of the Ware River road to the main line west of the passenger station.

D. L. Bodfish attended with W. A. Moulton the meeting of the Morning-Star lodge of Masons at Worcester Tuesday evening. Thomas lodge of Palmer was named for the first master of Morning Star lodge, Isaiah Thomas.

There was a good attendance at the supper served by the ladies of the Universalist church Tuesday evening. After supper the "Old Maids' Convention" was held, the entertainers coming from Monson, where the affair was given last week.

The Seven Social of the Lend-a-Hand Club Wednesday evening was well attended and proved a novelty in the entertainment line. Everything pertaining to the affair bore a relation to the number seven. A short play was given, and the society made about $30.

F. S. Hunnewell of Lawrence has been engaged by General Manager Burritt to have charge of the operation, track and car barn of the street railway system, and will assume his duties the 15th. He will occupy the C. E. Dewey house on South Main street.

The ladies of the Congregational church will give a supper in the church vestry next Wednesday evening, and the following will serve: Mmes. Thomas Blanchard, W. W. Converse, Albert Ferry, Rufus Flynt, John Foster, G. O. Henry, John Segdwick, H. W. Smith.

The Lenten service in the Universalist church last evening was very well attended, and Rev. F. A. Bisby, D. D, delivered a fine sermon. Next Thursday evening Rev. Charles H. Puffer of Salem, an able and eloquent preacher, will have charge of the service.

There will be a union meeting of the Congregational and Baptist societies at the church of the latter Sunday evening, with a sermon by Rev. Mr. Harrison of the Congregational church. Rev. Mr. Haines of the Baptist church will preach in Three Rivers.

The Palmer and Monson Street Railway company has petitioned the Legislature for permission to act as a common carrier in the transportation of baggage and small packages of merchandise, and to carry the United States mails. A hearing on the matter will be held at the state house next Tuesday at 10 30 a. m.

A hearing on the petition of the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company for legislation to authorize it to lease or purcase the franchise and property of, or to consolidate with the Central Massachusetts Electric Company, will be given by the Legislative committee on street railways at the state house in Boston next Friday at 10 o'clock a. m.

The registrars of voters will hold a meeting in the selectmen's room in the public library building to-morrow from noon until 10 in the evening, for the purpose of revising the voting list. Registration will close with this meeting. At the same place the assessors will hold a meeting from 7 to 10 p. m. for the purpose of assessing any who may wish to vote in the coming election.

The attraction at the opera house next Monday evening will be James B. Mackie, Hoyt's famous comedian, and a carefully selected company of farceurs, presenting Mr. Mackie's popular hit, "Grimes's Cellar Door," replete with new songs, music, laughable situations, and a host of pretty girls, who will lend ample support toward the successful production of this famous comedy. The prices are 25, 35 and 50 cents.

"Town Topics" drew only a small number Wednesday evening at the opera house. The piece was made up of specialties, but they were good and well put on by a clever set of people. The performance was clean and enjoyed to the full by the audience. A marked improvement was noticed in the lighting arrangements of the house, the work being done in a more theatrical-like manner than has been the custom heretofore.

A couple of carrier pigeons which had evidently become bewildered and lost during the storn of last week Thursday, made their first appearance at the barn of C. W. Johnson on Friday, and soon became regular visitors. They were fed and later caught and examined. On the leg of one was a metal band marked "W. A. L. 35," while the other wore a similar band marked "X 590." They are being carefully cared for, and the owner can have his birds by calling or sending for them.

Ed Goodes woke Wednesday morning to find himself famous. He had been making some repairs under his store the day before and discovered a collection of various articles, including seven teeth, some bones which might have belonged to an animal of the feline persuasion or some other quadruped, a few pieces of iron, etc. A Wednesday morning paper announced the finding of a skeleton and numerous Indian relics, with suggestions of foul play, buried treasure, etc. Unfortunately Ed had given the find away, else he might have started a dime museum.

J. F. Foley is to have a demonstration of Wool soap at his store every day and evening next week, which the public is invited to attend. The demonstration will include Wool soap, Swift washing powder and Swift Pride soap. A large pyramid of soap will be built in one of his show windows, and every purchaser of 25 cents worth of soap—with which will be given free a package of the washing powder—will be given an opportunity to guess on the number of bars in the pyramid; the successful guesser to be presented with $2 worth of the soap. Wool soap, while intended primarily for the washing of woolens, is also admirable for the toilet and bath, and the demonstration will be along all of these lines.

PALMER CENTER.

G. W. Kent, who has been seriously ill, is able to be about.

Will Trumble is filling the ice house at Forest Lake this week.

Robert Mahoney returned to Hopedale Tuesday, after a visit with his parents here.

The new dwelling house being built by W. C. Trumble is nearly ready for the plasterers.

Reuben Lamb thinks his hens take the cake. He has 40 hens, and during the month of February he got 496 eggs, a pretty good record, as his hens have laid all summer and fall.

The culvert near the house of Mrs. Hamilton, which fell in after the first heavy rain some weeks ago, fell in again last week Thursday and has been fenced off, as it seems useless to do anything to it until spring, when it will all have to be taken up.

THREE RIVERS.

Mrs. Julia Parsons of Duluth, Minn., is visiting Miss Anna Murdock.

Mrs. Wesley Provo has returned from a visit with relatives in Jersey City.

Communion services will be held at the Union church next Sunday evening.

A Christian Endeavor social was held at the home of R. C. Newell Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Esther Paro, who has been spending the winter in Boston, has returned to her home.

Robert Van Tassel of Lowell, formerly of this place, visited Three Rivers friends Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Putnam of Springfield visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs Emory Paine, over Sunday.

The Monday evening cottage meeting will be held at the home of Frank Lincoln on Palmer street next week.

The old house on the corner of High and Kelly streets, owned by the Otis Company, has been torn down this week. A new house is to be erected in its place next spring.

Miss Annie B. Crane, teacher of the primary school, has gone to her home in Hanover because of ill health. Miss Lizzie Twiss will have charge of the school during her absence.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday at 10.45 a. m. by E. A. Thomas. At 7 p. m. there will be a union no-license rally. Several speakers are expected to make addresses.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Matt, who died last week Wednesday, was held at St. Anne's church Saturday morning. A mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Joseph Marchand, and interment was in St. Anne's cemetery.

Clara Viola Brown of this place and John Darling Clark of Northampton were married at the home of Mrs. Sarah A. Brown on Main street Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Haines of the Baptist church at Palmer. The wedding was private, none but near relatives being present.

BONDSVILLE.

J. T. Prosser spent Sunday in Woonsocket.

Bessie Canterbury visited in Monson Sunday.

Mrs. B. A. Alexander and Miss Bessie are sick with tonsilitis.

Thomas Russell of Lowell spent Sunday with his parents in Bondsville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spencer of West Warren were in town Sunday.

A little child of William Robar fell from a chair Tuesday and fractured its wrist.

There is an article in the town warrant calling for a new sidewalk in Bondsville.

Lucy Fitzgerald has recovered from her sickness and the house has been fumigated.

Mrs. Patrick Fenton and Miss Elizabeth Fenton visited in Indian Orchard Saturday.

A great number of Bondsville people visited the wreck on the B. & M. road Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Katherine and Master John Fenton of Springfield are visiting their grandfather, Patrick Fenton.

R. W. Vantassel and wife of Lowell, formerly of Bondsville, were guests at R. L. Bond's over Sunday.

Matthew Doyle has accepted a position with G. L. Witt of Granby and will commence about the 19th of March.

Michael Glelenski had three of the fingers of his left hand cut off near the first joint while working on a picker Monday.

A. P. Knowlton and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Henry Warner, a sister of Mr. Knowlton, at North Wilbraham.

Mrs. O. A. Parent went to Northampton Wednesday to have the splints taken from her arm. Although her arm pains her considerably yet, it is doing well. Lighter splints were placed on her arm in place of the old ones.

One of the prominent men employed at the Boston Duck Co's. mill was so elated over the victories of the English in South Africa that he expressed his feelings in poetry, entitled

THE LION OF AFRICA CAPTURED!

Listen, hear the Lion roar;
Oh, hear, he roars again;
You need not fear because he's near,
He's chained up in his den.
His teeth are drawn, he cannot bite,
We need not fear him more,
For he is fastened in his cage,
With a strong bolt on the door.
His freedom's gone and he is sad,
You hear him roar no more;
Why, Roberts did it with his guns,
As in the days of yore.
So let us rise and merry be,
For danger now is past;
The Lion, he is captured,
And in his cage at last.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactoryjor money refunded.

C. A. LeGro, Palmer. O. P. Allen, Palmer
Fred M. Royce, Wales. G. L. Keeney, Monson
G. H. Stratton, Monson.

The following resolutions were adopted by St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society of Thorndike at a meeting March 7, 1900:

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove by death our devoted brother, James Cahill, therefore be it

Resolved, That while we bow submissively to the will of the Almighty who has taken our devoted brother from our midst, we wish to express our heartfelt sorrow and affectionate remembrance of the many excellent qualities of our beloved brother.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our tenderest and most heartfelt sympathies.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered on our records in commemaration of his services to the Society.

M. I. LONGTINE, W. C. REILLY, D. W. FAY, } Committee on Resolutions.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Converse avenue. 47-tf Inquire of W. W. LEACH, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—Pure blood Buff Cochin cockerels and pullets. L. E. CHANDLER, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—Extra large double bed and dressing table; in good condition. Will sell cheap for cash. M. SCOTT FRENCH, Palmer. 41-tf

TO RENT.—Two 6-room tenements in Cross Block. Inquire of F. F. MARCY or D. L. BODFISH.

FOR SALE.—Oak writing desk, lounge, easy chairs, center table, oak chamber set. 49-tf Inquire at LEGRO'S DRUG STORE.

TO RENT in Three Rivers, a good house, formerly owned by Louis F. Hubert. Grand chance to keep hens. 31-tf D. F. HOLDEN, Palmer, Mass.

LOST.—Between corner of Central and Park streets and the carpet mill, a pocketbook containing a sum of money, key, and receipt bearing owner's name. Reward for return of pocketbook to J. F. FOLEY'S STORE, Palmer. 49-1

TOWN OF PALMER.
ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

The Assessors of the Town of Palmer will be in session at the Selectmen's Room in the Library Building in the Depot Village, on Saturday evening, March 10, 1900, from 7 to 10 o'clock, for the purpose of assessing any who may wish to vote in the coming town election.

49-1 PER ORDER BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

TOWN OF PALMER.
NOTICE TO VOTERS.

The Registrars will hold a session for the purpose of revising the voters' list for the Annual Town Meeting, at the Selectmen's Room in the Library Building, on Saturday, March 10th, from 12 o'clock, noon, until 10 o'clock p. m., at which time registration will cease for the said meeting.

J. B. SHAW,
Clerk of the Board of Registrars.
Palmer, Mass., March 5, 1900. 49-1

AUCTION SALE.

A tract of land located in the northerly central part of Holland, Mass., belonging to Alvin Hyde of Brookfield, consisting of one hundred and nine acres, will be sold for the non-payment of the tax of 1899, which tax amounts to nine dollars and three cents, on Saturday, March 17, 1900, on the premises at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

This tract of land is bounded as follows, viz: Bounded on the north by Thomas Patterson and Thomas Lawlor, on the east and south by the highway, and on the west by Geo. E. Lynn, E. R. Morse and Thomas Patterson. 47 3

C. F. HOWLETT, Collector of Taxes.
Holland, Mass., Feb. 22, 1900.

FOR SALE--
HOUSE
with nine rooms and bath room, hot and cold water. Good barn and fine lawn.
H. W. SMITH, Palmer.

WALES.

W. R. Lathrop is confined to the house with grippe.

The M. E. church people held an ice cream social Wednesday evening which was well attended.

The bridge at the Valley mill dam will not be built until warmer weather, meanwhile travel goes around by the old mill site on the Brimfield road.

Carlos Borgwardt, a young man of 20, son of Charles Borgdwardt, has enlisted at Boston for five years in the marine service. He will come home to-morrow for a few days, when he will go on board the ship for service.

The public schools close this week. Miss Hatch, who has taught with entire satisfaction two years in the Center intermediate, resigns at the end of the term to complete her education in Costine, Maine. It will be difficult to fill her place.

The church meetings last Sunday night were brought to a sudden close by a supposed fire bell. All rushed to the rescue, and found that instead of fire it was water that had caused the alarm. The water broke through the canal and poured into the lower story of the Golden-rod mill about two feet deep, taking lots of dirt with it. Vigorous efforts stopped it in about half an hour. Just then an alarm came from the upper reservoir, to which a large number of men responded. They found a large leak near the bulkhead which, if it had not been discovered in season, would have washed away many houses. There seems no end to water, for three times during this week breaks have occurred which caused considerable trouble and damage.

Millinery Opening

Tuesday,
Wednesday
and Thursday,

March 21st, 22d and 23d.

Ladies of Palmer and vicinity cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. M. M. Davis,

38 Vernon Street,
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Not what you pay for Coffee, but what Coffee pays you.

There are two values to every article,—what it costs and what it's worth.

Cork costs 8 cents a pound, but if you are drowning half a mile from shore, its value would be "not what you pay for cork but what cork pays you."

You are not drowning, but you are using up strength and vitality in your daily work. You are getting back that strength and vitality in part from your morning cup of coffee.

It makes little difference what you pay for it; the important question is "What does it pay you?" You can see the strength you have, but you can't see the increased strength you would get if you drank

CHASE & SANBORN'S
"High Grade"
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This is a fact! You can easily test its truth. It will cost you one pound of coffee—that's all!

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JUST TO HAND.
PRICES JUST RIGHT.
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NOTICE.

Having moved my wood yard and fitted up with large **Storage Sheds, supplied with steam heat,** I am now prepared to furnish the public with a fine quality of

DRY WOOD,

both hard and soft, sawed, sawed and split, or four foot, in quantities to suit. Order slate at J. F. Foley's store. Residence 49 Central street, telephone connection, No. 26-3.

H. A. NORTHROP, Palmer.

VIOLIN AND . . . . PIANO LESSONS given by JULIA A. ALLEN, PALMER.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Feb. 28th, 1900.

The Committee on Street Railways will give a hearing to parties interested in House Bill No. 948, accompanying the petition of Charles F. Grosvenor for legislation to authorize the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of baggage and small parcels of merchandise, and also to carry the United States mail, at room No. 431, State House, on Tuesday, March 13th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

C. W. HAZELTON, Chairman.
FRED C. GILPATRIC, Clerk of the Committee.

TOWN OF PALMER.
TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—
HAMPDEN ss.

To Thomas J. Conroy, Constable of the town of Palmer. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all of the inhabitants of the town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the selectmen to wit: In Precinct A at the Engine House on Park street in the Depot Village; in Precinct B at Columbian Band room in Exchange Block on Commercial street in Thorndike; in Precinct C at Ruggles Hall on East Main street in Three Rivers; in Precinct D at Liberty Hall on Main street in Bondsville, on Monday, the 19th day of March, A. D., 1900, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town for the following town officers, to wit: Three Selectmen, three Assessors, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, a Tax Collector, two Auditors, five Constables, and three Fence Viewers, all for the term of one year; one Overseer of the Poor for the term of three years; two members of the School Committee for the term of three years; one member of the Board of Health for the term of three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for the term of three years; also to vote by ballot, which shall be Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be open at 6 o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town House at Four Corners, in said Palmer, on Monday, the 2d day of April, A. D., 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose two or more Field Drivers, Measurers of Wood and Bark, and all other usual town officers.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to hire the present tramp room and lockup.

ART. 4. To act on the reports of the town officers.

ART. 5. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money not to be paid from the taxes of the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To hear and act on reports of committees.

ART. 9. To choose committees and give them instructions.

ART. 10. To see if the town will allow a discount and determine what interest shall be paid on the taxes to be assessed for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes.

ART. 12. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 14. To act on the list of Jurors as prepared by the selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the Young Men's Library Association.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools, and instruct the School Committee as to the manner of letting the contract for such conveyance.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the celebration of Memorial Day.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting the streets, and whether it will authorize the selectmen to make contract therefor.

ART. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families, and of the families of the slain, and intrust the same to L. L. Merrick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, under the provisions of Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1885.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to maintain night police in the several villages, and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalks.

ART. 23. To see if the town will make an appropriation for care and improvement of cemeteries.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise the sum of three hundred dollars and appropriate the same for the purpose of repairing the plastering and frescoing in Memorial Hall.

ART. 25. To see what action the town will take to provide for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks within the limits of the highways or town ways in the town, and whether it will adopt any by-laws in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to change the watering-trough at Bondsville, from its present location to the opposite side of the street, and make the necessary connections.

ART. 27. To see if the town will appropriate a sum sufficient to place a marker of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the grave of each Revolutionary Soldier and Sailor buried in this town, the expense not to exceed one dollar each.

ART. 28. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to lower the grade of Willow street leading from Park street to Sumner Blodgett's house.

ART. 29. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to build the road as laid out by them from Willow street to School street, known as "Dewey Hill" road.

ART. 30. To see if the town will raise $620 to pay land damages awarded by the Connty Commissioners for changes on Commercial street, Thorndike.

ART. 31. To see what action the town will take in matter of claim of the Palmer Water Company for expense of changing their water main in Depot Village to avoid the new sewer.

ART. 32. To see what action the town will take in matter of suit of Mary Moran, now pending against the town.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to build a culvert and raise the highway between house of B. F. Emery and Whipple's bridge.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to establish evening schools and raise the sum of $500 therefor.

ART. 35. To see if the town will raise the sum of $100 to be expended by the selectmen in building bicycle paths.

ART. 36. To see what action the town will take to increase the school accommodations at the Depot village, and whether it will vote to build a new schoolhouse, and raise money for the same.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $1500 to purchase a new hearse.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to have a sewer three feet in diameter extending from Central street westerly through Main street to Commercial street, and thence southerly through Commercial street to the river, of sufficient depth through Main street to drain cellars, and in addition to present sewer.

ART. 39. To see if the town will vote to issue bonds sufficient in amount to meet the expense of necessary increased school accommodations.

ART. 40. To see what action the town will take in reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees.

ART. 41. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer on Foster Avenue in the Depot Village, from a point about 200 feet east of Knox street, running to and connecting with the Knox street sewer, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 42. To see if the town will vote to straighten the sidewalks from a point near St. Bartholomew's church to a point near B. D. Parson's house on Main street in Bondsville.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by the vote of the town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the PALMER JOURNAL, at least two issues before holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of March, A. D., 1900.

M. J. DILLON, CHAS. L. HOLDEN, } Selectmen of Palmer.

A true copy. Attest:
THOMAS J. CONROY,
49-2 Constable of Palmer.

. . . NEW . . .
TABLE OIL CLOTHS.
. . . NEW . . .
WINDOW SHADES.
. . . NEW . . .
FLOOR OIL CLOTHS.
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Three Rivers, Mass., at residence Dr. Fournier. Telephone 2-4.

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Look at our new line of

LACES, RIBBONS, STOCKS,
Tuckings,
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ONE NIGHT ONLY.
Monday, March 12, 1900.
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JAMES B. MACKIE,
as Grimesy, Me Boy, in
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Seats now on sale at Allen's Drug Store
Prices 25, 35 and 50c.

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Office with T. W. Kenefick. Telephone 13-21.

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We Like A Man
Who wants the most for his money. He is business from the ground up. He will get there if anybody does. We will help you get here, if you let us figure with you on that new pair of shoes, as we will be able to help you

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Men's Damp Proof Shoes, water proof lining in uppers and soles, extension soles, well made and durable, guaranteed to give good service.
$2.75.

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Men's Rubbers, light weight, storm cut, Derby toe, sizes 8 to 11, cut price
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Children's Every Day Shoes, made in solid leather soles, good for young kickers, sizes 4 to 8,
50c.

Misses' School Shoes, lace and button, tan and black.
98c.

Men's Boston Arctics, light weight, sizes 7 to 10, marked down to
$1.25.

Western Mass. Shoe Co.,
Near Post Office.
HOLDEN'S BLOCK, PALMER.
Mrs. E. H. Pope, Manager.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the public for their liberal patronage in the past, still if the public will take the trouble to examine the following list of prices, they will see that I am still trying to merit their continued favor.

19 lbs. Granulated Sugar,	$1.00
20 lbs. E. Sugar,	1.00
1 bbl. Very Best Bread Four,	4.35
1 bbl. Very Best St. Louis Flour,	4.15
4 lbs. Very Best Dates,	.25
1 lb. package Seeded Raisins,	.12
1 lb. package Cleaned Currants,	.09
1 can Little Neck Clams,	.10
2 cans Best Red Salmon,	.25
1 lb. Java Coffee,	.20
1 lb. Our Blended Black Tea,	.50
1 lb. Good Black Tea,	.35
10 lbs. Gran. Yellow Corn Meal,	.20
10 lbs. Rye Meal,	.25
8 lbs. Rolled Oats,	.25
1 2-lb. package Quaker Oats,	.10
1 gal. Best Porto Rico Molasses,	.45
1 gal. Good Porto Rico Molasses,	.35
1 gal. Best Sugar Syrup,	.50
10 bars Dome Soap,	.25
Good Will Soap,	4c a bar
1 package Royal Soap Powder (worth 10c.),	.06
1 Glass Tumbler Jelly or Jam (worth 10c.),	.06
1 qt. Best Mix Pickles,	.10
1 lb. Pure Lard,	.08
1 lb. Bacon Pork,	.08

And so I could go on and on, but all you have to do is to call for what you wish and you will get bed rock prices.

The Chicago Branch Grocery,
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THORNDIKE, MASS.

Now is the time to do your Dress Making for Spring.

HAVE YOU SEEN THOSE
. . . New Silks . . .
WE ARE SELLING AT 59c?
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New Plaids for Skirts.
New Ginghams.
New Lawns.

A fine lot of Silk Ginghams for Waists

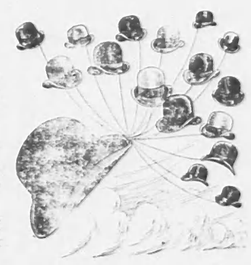
Our first installment of WRAPPERS is now on sale and contains some choice styles.

Watch for our Weekly Advertisement

D. L. BODFISH,
Cross Block, Main St., Palmer.

BEFORE INVENTORY.
FOR THE NEXT TEN DAYS I SHALL SELL
FANCY CROCKERY
AT AND BELOW COST,
INCLUDING LAMPS, TOILET SETS AND ALL FANCY CROCKERY.
E. B. TAYLOR,
HOLDEN'S BLOCK, PALMER.
REMEMBER WE ARE HEADQUARTERS FOR WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

Sixteen to One.



It would take sixteen ordinary hats, behaving their very best, to equal one of our Derby, Alpine or Golf shapes for $3.

They will perfectly suit ninety-nine men out of a hundred, and the one left had better attend to his dyspepsia.

A man's hat is the first thing seen—it tells a great deal about him.

What kind of an impression is your hat having on people?

Our styles will make a good impression.

We have cheaper ones if you want. $2.50, $2.00 and $1.50. Crushers, $1.00.

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Hatter and Furnisher.
Corner Main and Central Sts., Palmer.

If your buildings are not insured.
If your insurance has nearly expired,
Come and see me.
I will place your property in the best of companies.
I am also agent for the Travelers' Insurance Co., of Hartford.
Take out an accident policy.
If you should get hurt they will take care of you.
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LeGro's Headache Powders.
THEY WILL CURE.
MONEY REFUNDED IF THEY DO NOT.
AT LeGro's Drug Store,
Main St., Palmer.

BARGAINS IN
BOOTS ...and... SHOES.
Good reliable goods at low prices are what tell the story. We have a few broken lines which we shall offer at the following low prices:

9 pairs Men's Black and Russet Shoes that sold for $3.50 will go at $2.73.

4 pairs Men's Box Calf, former price $3.00, now $2.37.

One line of Ladies' Kid Shoes, former price $2.50, now $1.87.

10 pairs Misses' School Shoes, former price $1.25, now 97c.

These are all good fresh goods, but sizes are broken and we wish to close them out. If your size is here, they are bargains.

Men's Knit Boots with stub proof Rubbers, $2.10 to close.

F. D. Barton,
Dealer in Reliable Footwear,
Converse House Block, Palmer, Mass.

Free Demonstration of Wool Soap
At . . . J. F. Foley's, Palmer.
All Next Week, March 12 to 17, inclusive.
. . . EVERYBODY INVITED. . . .

The merits of Wool Soap—for washing woolens without shrinking them, for the toilet and for the bath—Swift Washing Powder and Swift Pride Soap will be shown.

Every purchaser of 25 cents worth of soap given a package of Washing Powder free.

Come and guess on the number of cakes of soap in the pyramid; you may get $2 worth of soap free.

Forbes & Wallace.

Springfield, March, 1900.

Buying for Spring Is Now Going on Lively.

The new styles appeal to all more eloquently than for several seasons past. They seem to be simply irresistible.

Dress Goods.

Now is the time when you can see all the novelties side by side. Later on you may not have that privilege.

How many different fabrics, colorings and patterns, black and colored, do you suppose we have to show? Five hundred? Nearer one thousand. But what's the use of going into quantities—what you want is just the right thing. Our answer is this:

Where do you suppose you are likely to find the dress pattern you want, at the store where they only show a limited number of styles, or here where the stock is almost boundless; so big a range of different fabrics, patterns and colorings does it present?

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Wash Goods.

Same as in dress goods. If we haven't the biggest stock of wash fabrics for this spring and summer of any store in Western New England we shall be surprised to hear it.

And biggest means best. No other store has to show such an assortment. We have scoured the markets of the world to gather this stock.

Will you look at—

These styles Imported Pique suitings—37½c, 50c per yard.

These Mercerized Foulards that so much resemble China silk, only of a much more delicious softness—37½c per yard.

These handsome Scotch ginghams. Nearly two hundred patterns, all different—25c, 37½c, 40c per yard.

This Peau de Satin Rayure Soie—a mercerized, with satin stripe running through—50c per yard.

These Linen Tweeds, delightfully, stylishly cool looking—think of a dress of Linen Tweed of a scorching June day—50c per yard.

And so on and on and on.

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Main, Vernon and Pynchon Streets,

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

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We are headquarters for picture framing, work done in a most artistic manner. Our mouldings are new and up-to-date. Call and see our samples at the Photograph Studio, Commercial street, also at the framing department, Bank block.

Your orders solicited and satisfaction guaranteed.

We also invite you to examine our many styles of photographs which we make in all the latest finishes.

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For Coughs, Colds and Lung Troubles.

A family medicine for baby and adult. It should be in every household.

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Main Street, Palmer.

This horse is well protected from the storm. Make your own horse as comfortable. We have storm covers to fit, also a big assortment of both

Street and Stable Blankets

Not wishing to carry them over, we say 10 per cent straight discount.

Good Quality and All Right.

E. A. Buck & Co.,

Hardware, Paint and Oil Store,

Main Street, Palmer, Mass.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 9, 1900.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

Library Association's Annual Meeting.

The Monson Free Library and Reading Room Association held its annual meeting at the library Monday evening. The report of the librarian, Miss Nellie F. Squier, for the year ending Feb. 28, shows: total number of volumes in the library, 7103, about 20 of which are not in circulation; accessions during the year, 252; by purchase 216, by gift 36, U. S. Government 16, State of Massachusetts 10, Hon. F. H. Gillett 2, Mr. G. A. Harvey 2, Mrs. M. L. Burt 2, Dr. G. E. Fuller 1, Mr. F. E. Morris 1, Mr. O. D. Munn, New York, 1, Mass. Volunteer Aid Association 1; the library has been open to the public 305 days during the year; number of persons drawing books for home use 670; total circulation, 10,715; average daily, about 35. This does not include books of reference or those read in the room. In the reading room there are 44 newspapers and magazines regularly on file, 35 of which are subscribed for by the association. Total number of readers during the year, 10,082, an increase of 463 over the previous year; daily average about 35. The growth of interest shown in all departments of the institution during the year is very gratifying. Efforts are constantly being made and means employed to bring the resources of the library into immediate and common use, that its influence may be felt in the best interests of the town.

The income for the year has been $1762.75; expenses have been $1356 82, which includes the librarian's salary, new books, typewriter, flag-staff, town water service, etc. The funds of the institution are in good shape. These officers were elected: President, Dr. G. E. Fuller; vice president, E. F. Morris; secretary, F. E. Morris; treasurer, T. L. Cushman.

Mrs. Sarah Fay is ill at her Main street home.

Marcus Keep post will meet next Monday evening.

Miss Carrie L. Chapin spent Sunday in Springfield.

Mark Noble sold his livery stock at auction Wednesday.

The Fortnightly Club will meet next Monday evening.

Mrs. G. E. Fuller is recovering from an attack of the grippe.

The Woman's Relief Corps will meet next Wednesday evening.

A special meeting of the school committee will be held this evening.

Miss Emma Mulvihill of Palmer has been a guest at J. M. Fagan's this week.

G. E. Grout, who has been sick for the past week, is able to be about again.

Mrs. Rufus Leach of Mansfield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Day.

Charles Nelson of New York city is the guest of his mother, Mrs. H. S. Nelson.

The University Extension class will meet at Hammond Hall next Wednesday evening.

The King's Daughters will meet to-morrow evening at 7.30 with Mrs. D. B. Needham.

The village schools which did not open on time last fall have been in session this week.

Meadow larks were singing this morning, giving one the impression that spring had come.

Mrs. Mattie Seymour of Manchester, Ct., is visiting at George W. Seymour's on Main street.

Rev. C. G. Miller of Warren will speak at the Universalist church next Thursday evening.

Martin Neilson and Louis Aldrich have resigned their positions with the Massasoit Worsted Co.

Timothy Higgins and David B. Maney attended the funeral of James Higgins at Worcester Tuesday.

Mrs. C. M. Gage, who has been confined to the house by illness, is able to be out of doors this week.

The King's Daughters' sewing circle will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. E. E. Thompson.

The retaining wall on W. H. Anderson's property, which was washed out last week has been replaced.

M. F. O'Brien has a new and handsome sign over the entrance to his general store on South Main street.

One candidate will be initiated at the regular meeting of Day Spring lodge of Masons next Tuesday evening.

The Hi Henry Minstrel Company met last evening, and a dividend of $1 40 was declared. The expenses were $350.

Miss Sarah Gavin, who has recently taken the position of head milliner at Heimann & Lichten's, is in New York this week.

After two weeks of vacation the kindergarten taught by Mrs. Frank Blanchard will open next Monday in Memorial Hall.

John Shields, who left the employ of the D. W. Ellis Co. at South Monson several days ago, has gone to Hampden to work.

Irving Clark and Joseph Leonard have returned from North Jay, Maine, where they have been employed the past few months.

The subject of the six o'clock sermon Sunday evening in the Congregational church is "Our Saviour's invitation to rest."

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dunham of Ware, former residents, have been in town this week visiting their daughter, Mrs. Walter Miller.

Harry Sutcliffe is chopping off his wood lot in District No. 9. He has three wood choppers from Indian Orchard and is getting out ties.

It is suggested that the electrics would be more appreciated if intoxicated persons were relegated to the vestibules when ladies are on board.

The Selvy-Wycoff Company has taken the contract to furnish a steam heater for the new gymnasium, and work on the same was begun this week.

The Dorcas Society will serve a supper in the parlors of the Congregational church next Tuesday evening, after which an entertainment will be given.

Miss Delia Gavin leaves Monday for Boston, where she is to remain two weeks, after which she will go to Maine for the spring season in millinery.

Rev. F. S. Hatch has received a letter from Edward F. Morris dated upper Egypt, which is to be read before the Congregational Sunday school Sunday morning.

On account of so large an adult class in dancing, Miss George will give her remaining lessons in the hall over Foskit's market, instead of Workman Hall, as it is considerably larger.

The ladies of the Dorcas Society will hold a social in the parlors of the Congregational church next Tuesday evening. Supper will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock, followed by an entertainment.

Rev. C. C. Conner will speak at the Universalist church Sunday morning on "The practical, or utility the test of truth." "For what is your life?" is the subject of the Christian Union at 6 o'clock.

The first of the Lenten mid-week services at the Universalist church was held last evening, Rev. T. C. Druley of Stafford giving the sermon. Next Thursday evening Rev. C. G. Miller of Warren will preach.

Hook and ladder company No. 1 has hired Memorial Hall for a grand concert and ball Easter Monday night, April 16th. The arrangements for the music are not completed, but good music will be furnished.

W. S. Nason has bought the tea business of E. J. Hughes, located in the Noble block on Main street. Mr. Nason's many friends wish him success. He expects to move his family into the tenement in the rear of the store.

The last of the Academy course of entertainments will be held in the Academy chapel next Friday evening at 8 o'clock, the Alpha Mandolin and Guitar Club of Springfield, which is well known here and should be well patronized.

The registrars of voters will be in session in the selectmen's room in Memorial Hall Monday, the 15th, from 7.30 to 9 p. m.; on Monday, the 22d, from 7.30 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, the 24th, from noon to 10 p. m., at which time registration will close.

Letters have been received from Mr. Morris, reporting the Monson travelers on the "New England" well, and the weather good. A letter written February 12 and mailed from Algiers reached here a week in advance of one mailed the 10th at Gilbraltar.

The fifth birthday of Carlos McCray was celebrated very pleasantly Tuesday afternoon. A number of children with their mothers were entertained by Mrs. McCray from 2.30 to 4.30. Refreshments were served, and games were indulged in by the little people.

Postmaster Seymour has requested all who hire lock boxes to present their keys at the office for inspection. This is in accordance with the rule that if a key is lost it shall at once be replaced by the one who hires the box in order that the sets shall be kept full. It is found that in many cases one or two of a set are missing.

The business meeting of the Epworth League will be held in the Methodist vestry at 7.30 next Monday evening. At 8 o'clock C. M. Gage will speak upon the subject of "How a bill becomes a law in the Legislature," and other matters of interest in connection with legislative work. This will be the third of a series of talks upon practical subjects by townsmen; others will be arranged for at subsequent meetings of the League.

Special Lenten services are being held at the Congregational church. There are preaching services Sunday evening at 6 o'clock with these subjects for consideration, "The gracious invitation of Jesus to pardon, rest, wisdom, service, victory, peace." The Thursday evening meetings are at 7 30, and addresses are given by eminent clergymen from other towns. Dr. Thomas of Wilbraham preached the first sermon last evening on "The sincerity of God."

The organ recital given by C. E. Lamson of Auburndale with Mrs. A. D. Norcross as soloist, at the Congregational church Tuesday evening was the musical event of the season. The entire program was much enjoyed. Mrs. Norcross was the recipient of a large bouquet of beautiful roses. After the recital T. L. Cushman entertained a company of 30 at his home, Mr. Lamson rendering selections on the piano, and Mr. and Mrs. Norcross singing. Refreshments were served. Mr. Lamson was formerly the organist at the Congregational church, but is now studying music in Auburndale.

A petition for the extension of the electric car tracks to the Wales road is being circulated. The franchise of the company covered this section, but it has not been built. Several reasons have prevented it The work was done so late last fall it was not deemed best to build south of the brook. When that is done the bridge must be rebuilt, and the town will probably be asked to share in the expense of reconstructing the abutements. There is also a feeling on the part of some that it may be better to continue the road to the South Monson station and Ellis village rather than to the Wales line.

The oration to be delivered next Thursday evening in the Congregational church by J. B. Koehne of Chicago is entitled "The preparation for Christianity through the Gentile world." China, India, Persia, Egypt, Greece and Rome will be compared and the influence of their ideas examined. Mr. Koehne comes to the town with an unusual reputation as a speaker. Dr. Scott of Worcester says, "He is a phenomenon, a poet, a scholar, an orator all in one. His lectures are a revelation, appealing powerfully to all classes." Admission is free, but an offering will be received on what is known as the "Boston Plan."

Town politics are beginning to make their way to the front, but as yet have taken no shape. There are as usual a number of names mentioned for the various offices, some seriously, others not. There seems to be a disposition on the part of ex-Postmaster Herlihy's many friends to give him some office of importance, and there is no doubt that he would make a strong candidate for selectmen. Chief Engineer Needham and G. A. Harvey are also mentioned in this connection. William Sutcliffe and W. L. Ricketts are the retiring members of the school board. Taxation is always an interesting subject, one upon which the man who has had experience feels most competent to judge. There are plenty of candidates for the office of assessor.

The Philomathean society will present a farce, entitled, "Breezy Point," in Academy hall Friday evening, the 23d. The play is in three acts, and is under the direction of A. D. Norcross, and is sure to be a success. Cast of characters:

Aunt Debby Dexter, mistress of Breezy Point,	Louise Shaw
Elinor Pearl, unknown parentage,	Marion Tucker
Ashrael Grant, work-house waif,	Mabel Browne
Mrs. Hardscratch, with business propensities,	Helen Moulton
Hardscratch Twins, "who never tell nothin'."	Mary Fitzgerald and Nellie Thayer
Mehitable Doolittle, manufacturer of snuff,	Esther Robbins
Bernice Vernon,	Anna Sweet
Laura Leigh, } summer	Ruth Johnson
Edith Norton, } boarders,	June Norcross
Clarice Fenleigh,	Mabelle Crocker
Fantine, French maid,	Myra Browne
Old Clem, gypsy,	Maud Sweet

The committee on the farce is composed of Misses June Norcross, Mabel Browne and Louise Shaw.

EAST BRIMFIELD.

Miss May Davenport has returned to her home in Davis

Ralph Black entered the employ of the Snell Co. Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Steatson of Shelburne Falls is the guest of Miss Ida Davenport this week.

Measles are going the rounds here; those now ill are Bertha Howes, Herbert Stanger, Ralph Basnor, Margery Smith and Philip Marsell.

HOLLAND.

A. L. Roper of Palmer spent Sunday with his brother, C. F. Roper.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Bennett spent Sunday with friends in Fuller Village.

John Drake of Warren visited friends in Holland Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckwold spent the first of the week visiting friends in Mashapaug.

The flume and part of the rollway of the Alexander saw mill was carried off last week Thursday by the rain. The highways were also considerably washed out.

WARREN.

The Warren Public Library Association will hold its annual meeting in the library Monday evening.

Mrs Mary Callahan, 70, widow of Patrick Callahan, died suddenly Monday night after a long illness. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. James Daily Jr. The funeral was held Thursday morning.

The Torkelson Manufacturing Company held its annual meeting Friday afternoon and elected the following officers: President, E. J. Buck; vice president, J. G. Hastings; treasurer, R. T. Torkelson; secretary, J. M. Newell; clerk, E. F. Thompson; assistant clerk, J. M. Newell; directors, E. J. Buck, J. M. Newell, J. G Hastings, R. T. Torkelson, J. M. Drake. The company has sufficient orders to run full time for a year.

R-I-P-A-N-S. 10 for 5 cents at druggists. They banish pain and prolong life. One gives relief. No matter what's the matter one will do you good.

Jell-O, The New Dessert,

pleases all the family. Four flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocers. 10 cents. Try it to-day.

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It saves money for the breadwinners. Gives more nutriment, more muscle-making, health-helping qualities in the daily bread for less cost than any other flour.

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NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Henry Miller of Ludlow has bought Marshall A. Wright's place on Maple street.

Robert Clunie had one of his fingers badly crushed last Friday afternoon in the machinery of the Whiting paper mill, where he is employed.

An adjourned meeting of Grace chapel parish will be held Wednesday evening, when it is announced important business will be brought up.

E. M. Scott, foreman of the rag-room at the Collins Manufacturing Company, was given a surprise party at his home Saturday evening in honor of his 50th birthday. He was presented with a gold ring by his brother and a sum of money from Mt. Holyoke lodge of Masons, of which he is a member. Relatives were present from South Hadley, Mittineague and Fairfield.

BELCHERTOWN.

A young child of Mr. and Mrs. Germaine died Monday from the effects of measles Mr. and Mrs. Germaine had seven children ill with the disease at one time.

C. E. Scott started Wednesday on his first trip as salesman for a shoe house in Brattleboro. His territory is parts of Massachusetts and Connecticut, and the whole of Rhode Island.

Leonard Juckett, a member of the 16th Massachusetts regiment, died Sunday at his home near Dwight. The funeral was held in the Dwight chapel Wednesday afternoon with burial in Amherst.

The Congregational church held a business meeting Tuesday afternoon and voted to accept the Longley legacy, which consists of $1430 in money, a pasture lot and some mining stock. Deacon A. H. Bartlett was elected trustee of the legacy.

George Lowell, 54, died Tuesday morning at his home on Federal street after a long illness. He was a member of Company B, 2d Massachusetts, heavy artillery. He leaves a mother, two brothers, Calvin and William Lowell, and a granddaughter, Edith M. Lowell of Ware. The funeral was held this afternoon.

WEST WARREN.

The youngest child of Joseph Graveline is quite sick.

Clinton Heacox of Cambridge is visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. Edmund Forte is seriously ill; although more comfortable, she is not out of danger.

The boilers have been started at the No. 4 mill and night and day watchmen have been placed at the mill.

Dwight Orcutt, formerly of this village, now living at Warren, is very sick at his home on Main street.

Mrs. Rood, who has been quite sick this past week with pleurisy, threatening pneumonia, is much better.

At the M. E. church last Sunday, preaching in the morning was by Mr. Charlton; in the evening Rev. A. L. Howe of the Warren M. E. church preached.

One of the pickers in the No. 1 mill caught fire Tuesday afternoon and made a lively blaze for a few minutes, but it was put out before much damage was done.

Rev. F. G. Potter, who is at the sanitarium in Springfield, having undergone an operation for appendicitis last week, which was very successful, is getting well fast.

John Tibbetts of Montmorency Falls, P. Q., who will have charge of the No. 4 mill, has arrived in town and will move his family into one of the company's houses at No. 4.

WARE.

H. L Howe has gone to Washington for a vacation.

Mr. Miller has been ill at his home on Elm street this week.

The schools closed to-day for a two-weeks' vacation.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. George Shumway Friday afternoon.

Miss Anna Demond of Smith College spent Sunday at her home on Bacon street.

Dr. H. A. Gibbs will lecture on "Socialism" this evening in Grand Army Hall.

The pupils of the grammar school gave a supper and entertainment in the town hall Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Butler were called to Sturbridge Sunday by the illness of Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Butler's mother.

The Warren cornet band has organized with Oscar Rice as leader. A room for practice has been secured in Hastings's block on Southbridge street.

The town clerk's books show that there were 23 marriages in January and February, against 13 for the same months last year. Ten of these certificates since the first of January were issued to Poles.

The Social Science Club held its annual meeting in the Mansion House parlors Saturday afternoon and elected these officers: President, Mrs. J. H. G. Gilbert; vice president, Mrs. A. B. Bassett; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Hall; treasurer, Mrs. F. D. Gilmore; director, Mrs. S. W. Hallett.

A large black horse belonging to the Otis Company, which was harnessed to one of the yard cars Tuesday afternoon, became frightened at snow falling from the roof and plunged off the wall into the river, just above the lower dam. The water was about 10 feet deep, but as the heavy car was hitched to the horse he could not swim. One of the employes of the mill went down into the water on a ladder and unharnessed him, and the wall had to be broken down so that the horse could get in the yard again.

The members of the Mattawaumpee Club are to present the drama, "Nan, the mascot," after the Lenten season. The cast of characters will include the following: Miss Lillian Fales, West Brookfield; Misses Jennie Price, Alice M. Buck, Nina Gould, Mrs. George Tarbell, Messrs. Tarbell, Hitchcock, Price, Bliss, Gendron, Shumway, Howard and Fonant of Warren.

WILBRAHAM.

Miss Annie Merrick is spending several weeks in Springfield.

Dr. W. H. Thomas preached in the Congregational church in Monson Thursday evening.

Mrs. W. S. Nason and children of Springfield spent last Sabbath with her mother, Mrs. A. L. Merrick.

The union open session of Philo and Pieria societies of Wesleyan Academy will be held to-morrow evening.

Dr. H. G. Webber and family attended the funeral of Dr. Webber's father, Jonathan Webber, at Brimfield, Monday.

The Ladies' Society of the Methodist church will serve their annual turkey supper in the church this evening.

The parish of the First Congregational church will hold its annual meeting in the church chapel Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. A. L. Merrick and Miss Merrick left Monday for Boston, where Mrs. Merrick will be treated at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

While chopping in the woods several days ago Robert Coote was struck on the head by a falling tree and knocked insensible. His lips were cut open, his jaws seriously injured, and two teeth knocked out.

The body of Mrs. Emma Knowlton Warren, wife of Henry K Warren of Conway and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Knowlton, was brought to Wilbraham Saturday and the funeral was held at her parents' residence Sunday afternoon. Besides her husband and parents she leaves a daughter, one sister and one brother.

"The Little Gleaners," a juvenile missionary society of the Methodist church, repeated "The Cradle Songs of Many Nations" at the Congregational church last evening under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Thomas and Miss Grace Atkins. Each child was in the costume of the country she represented, and sang a lullaby in both the native tongue and the translation. The French, Scottish, Hindustani, Dutch, German, Swedish, Armenian, English, Russian, Chinese, Japanese and other nations were represented, and the entertainment was a most enjoyable one.

The students of the Academy interested in baseball held a meeting in Fisk Hall last Friday afternoon and much enthusiasm was shown, $230 being readily pledged for the support of a team. The following schedule of dates has been fixed: April 16, Palmer high school at Wilbraham; 23, Connecticut Literary Institute at Wilbraham; 28, Connecticut Agricultural College at Wilbraham; May 7, Cushing Academy at Ashburnham; 14, Amherst freshman at Wilbraham; 23, Williston at Wilbraham; 30, a Springfield club at Wilbraham; June 4, Williston at Easthampton.

BRIMFIELD.

Miss Phoebe Upham is visiting her mother, Mrs. Webber.

Mrs. Stone returned Saturday from a visit in Windsor Locks.

John W. Morgan is somewhat better, although still seriously ill.

Rev. Robert K. Kyle was ill Sunday and unable to occupy his pulpit.

Mrs. Peirce, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is slowly recovering.

George A. Webster returned yesterday from Leicester, where he has been spending a few weeks.

Miss Warren went Monday to her home in Worcester for a visit. She was accompanied by Miss Muzzy.

Miss Mott, teacher of the Little Rest school, has gone to New Hampshire to spend the vacation with relatives.

The funeral of Jonathan P. Webber was held at his late home Monday afternoon, Rev. C. C. Conner of Monson officiating. Mr. Webber was born in Brimfield in 1817, and had spent the greater part of his life there.

At the meeting of the Grange Tuesday evening the third and fourth degrees of membership were conferred upon Miss Mott and Will Norton. The state deputy, I. N. Day, was present. There were readings by Mrs. Parker and Mrs. G. W. Sherman, and a song by Mr. Kibbe.

Edgar F. Brown, who does superior work in amateur photography, has presented six fine photographs of local scenes to the public library. The view of Steerage Rock with a flock of sheep at its base is especially beautiful. It is proposed to make as extensive a collection of Brimfield views and other specimens of amateur photography as possible, and such pictures are solicited by the librarian.

Pictures Added to Public Library.

The librarian of the public library has recently received 31 fine photographs of scenes in Venice and paintings of Venetian artists, bought with money contributed by visitors to the library for the purchase of pictures. These photographs correspond to a part of the collection of Venice pictures loaned two years ago by the Woman's Education Association in connection with the traveling library on Venice. The plan of making a permanent collection of pictures for the Brimfield library arose from the great interest taken in the loaned pictures. It is proposed to make additions of pictures from time to time, and even small sums contributed will thus be found to increase the resources of the library in an important way. The photographs were obtained at an advantage through the Woman's Education Association, being imported for the Brimfield library by its committee. A number of the books on Venice were retained by purchase when the time came to return the traveling library, and are important for the appreciation of the photographs, while the latter add to the interest of the books. The pictures can be seen at the library or taken home if desired.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

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CHAPTER VII.

The anonymous letters, or rather scrawls, which Philip found by the side of his unconscious wife as he stooped to raise her up read as follows:

Preacher—Better pack up and leave. Milton is not big enough to hold you alive. Take warning in time.

Preacher's Wife—As long as you stay in Milton there is danger of two funerals. Dynamite kills women as well as men.

Philip sat by the study lounge holding these scrawls in his hand as his wife recovered from her fainting fit after he had applied restoratives. His heart was filled with horror at the thought of the complete cowardice which could threaten the life of an innocent woman. There was with it a feeling of intense contempt of such childish, dime novel methods of intimidation as that of sticking a knife into the study desk. If it had not been for its effect on his wife, Philip would have laughed at the whole thing. As it was, he was surprised and alarmed that she had fainted, a thing he had never known her to do, and as soon as she was able to speak he listened anxiously to her story.

"It must have been an hour after you had gone, Philip, that I thought I heard a noise up stairs, and, thinking perhaps you had left one of your windows down at the top and the curtain was flapping, I went right up, and the minute I stepped into the room I had the feeling that some one was there."

"Didn't you carry up a light?"

"No. The lamp was burning at the end of the upper hall, and so I never thought of needing more. Well, as I moved over toward the window, still feeling that strange, unaccountable knowledge of some one there, a man stepped out from behind your desk, walked right up to me and held out those letters in one hand, while with the other he threw the light from a small bull's eye or burglar's lantern upon them."

Philip listened in amazement.

"Sarah, you must have dreamed all that. It isn't likely that any man would do such a thing."

"Philip, I did not dream. I was terribly wide awake and so scared that I couldn't even scream. My tongue seemed to be entirely useless. But I felt compelled to read what was written, and the man held the papers there until the words seemed to burn my eyes. He then walked over to the desk and with one blow drove the knife down into the wood, and then I fainted away, and that is all I can remember."

"And what became of the man?" asked Philip, still inclined to think that his wife had in some way fallen asleep and dreamed at least a part of this strange scene, perhaps before she went up to the study and discovered the letters. "I don't know; maybe he is in the house yet. Philip, I am almost dead for fear—not for myself, but for your life."

"I never had any fear of anonymous letters or of threats," replied Philip, contemptuously eying the knife, which was still sticking in the desk. "Evidently the saloon men think I am a child to be frightened with these bugaboos, which have figured in every sensational story since the time of Captain Kidd."

"Then you think this is the work of the saloon men?"

"Who else can it be? We have no other enemies of this sort in Milton."

"But they will kill you. Oh, Philip, I cannot bear the thought of living here in this way! Let us leave this dreadful place."

"Little woman," said Philip, while he bravely drove away any slight anxiety he may have had for himself, "don't you think it would be cowardly to run away so soon?"

"Wouldn't it be better to run away so soon than to be killed? Is there any bravery in staying in a place where you are likely to be murdered by some coward?"

"I don't think I shall be," said Philip confidently. "And I don't want you to be afraid. They will not dare to harm you."

"No, Philip!" exclaimed his wife eagerly; "you must not be mistaken. I did not faint away tonight because I was afraid for myself. Surely I have no fear there. It was the thought of the peril in which you stand daily as you go out among these men, and as you go back and forth to your meetings in the dark. I am growing nervous and anxious ever since the shooting, and when I was startled by the man here tonight I was so weak that I fainted. But I am sure that they do not care to harm me; you are the object of their hatred. If they strike any one it will be you. That is the reason I want to leave this place. Say you will, Philip. Surely there are other churches where you could preach as you want to and still not be in such constant danger."

It required all of Philip's wisdom and love and consciousness of his immediate duty to answer his wife's appeal and say no to it. It was one of the severest struggles he ever had. There was to be taken into the account not only his own safety, but that of his wife as well. For, think what he would, he could not shake off the feeling that a man so cowardly as to resort to the assassination of a man would not be overparticular even if it should chance to be a woman. Philip was man enough to be entirely unshaken by anonymous threats. A thousand a day would not have unnerved him in the least. He would have writhed under the sense of the great sin which they revealed, but that is all the effect they would have had.

When it came to his wife, however, that was another question. For a moment he felt like sending in his resignation and moving out of Milton as soon as possible. Mrs. Strong did not oppose his decision when once he had declared his resolve. She knew Philip must do what to him was the will of his Master, and with that finally she was content.

She had overcome her nervousness and dread now that Philip's courageous presence strengthened her, and she began to tell him that he had better hunt for the man who had appeared so mysteriously in the study.

"I haven't convinced myself yet that there is any man. Confess, Sarah, that you dreamed all that."

"I did not," replied his wife, a little indignantly. "Do you think I wrote those letters and stuck that knife into the desk myself?"

"Of course not. But how could a man get into the study and neither you nor the girl know it?"

"I did hear a noise, and that is what started me up stairs. And he may be in the house yet. I shall not rest easy until you look into all the closets and down cellar and everywhere."

So Philip, to quiet his wife, searched the house thoroughly, but found nothing. The servant and the minister's wife followed along at a respectful distance behind Philip, one armed with the poker and the other with a fire shovel, while he pulled open closet doors with reckless disregard of any possible man hiding within and pretended to look into the most unlikely places for him, joking all the while to reassure his trembling followers.

They found one of the windows in Philip's study partly open. But that did not prove anything, although a man might have crawled in and out again through that window from an ell of the parsonage, the roof of which ran near enough to the window so that an active person could gain entrance that way. The whole affair remained more or less a mystery to Philip. However, the letters and the knife were real. He took them down town next day to the office of the evening paper and asked the editor to publish the letters and describe the knife. It was too good a piece of news to omit, and Milton people were treated to a genuine sensation when the article came out. Philip's object in giving the incident publicity was to show the community what a murderous element it was fostering in the saloon power. Those threats and the knife preached a sermon to the thoughtful people of Milton, and citizens who had never asked the question before began to ask now, "Are we to endure this saloon monster much longer?"

As for Philip, he went his way the same as ever. Some of his friends and church members even advised him to carry a revolver and be careful about going out alone at night. Philip laughed at the idea of a revolver and said: "If the saloon men want to get rid of me without the trouble of shooting me themselves, they had better make me a present of a silver mounted pistol. Then I would manage the shooting myself. And as for being careful about going out evenings, what is this town thinking of that it will continue to license and legalize an institution that makes its honest citizens advise newcomers to stay at home for fear of assassination? No. I shall go about my work just as if I lived in the most law abiding community in America. And if I am murdered by the whisky men I want the people of Milton to understand that the citizens are as much to blame for the murder as the saloon men. For a community that will license such a curse ought to bear the shame of the legitimate fruits of it."

The trial of the man with the hare-lip had been postponed for some legal reason, and Philip felt relieved somewhat. He dreaded the ordeal of the court scene. And one or two visits made at the jail had not been helpful to him. The man had refused each time to see the minister, and he had gone away feeling hungry in his soul for the man's redemption and realizing something of the spirit of Christ when he was compelled to cry out, "They will not come unto me that they might have eternal life." That always seemed to Philip the most awful feature of the history of Christ—that the very people he loved and yearned after spit upon him and finally broke his heart with their hatred.

He continued his study of the problem of the town, believing that every place has certain peculiar local characteristics which every church and preacher ought to study. He was struck by the aspect of the lower part of the town, where nearly all the poorer people lived. He went down there and studied the situation thoroughly. It did not take a very great amount of thinking to convince him that the church power in Milton was not properly distributed. The seven largest churches in the place were all on one street, well up in the wealthy residence portion and not more than two or three blocks apart. Down in the tenement district there was not a single church building and only one or two weak mission schools which did not touch the problem of the district at all. The distance from this poor part of the town to the churches was fully a mile, a distance that certainly stood as a geographical obstacle to the church attendance of the neighborhood, even supposing the people were eager to go to the large churches, which was not at all the fact. Indeed, Philip soon discovered that the people were indifferent in the matter. The churches on the fashionable street in town meant less than nothing to them. They never would go to them, and there was little hope that anything the pastor or members could do would draw the people that distance to come within church influence. The fact of the matter was the seven churches of different denominations in Milton had no living connection whatever with nearly one-half the population, and that the most needy half, of the place.

The longer Philip studied the situation the more un-Christian it looked to him and the more he longed to change it. He went over the ground again and again very carefully. He talked with the different ministers and the most advanced Christians in his own church. There was a variety of opinion as to what might be done, but no one was ready for the radical move which Philip advocated when he came to speak on the subject the first Sunday of the month.

CHAPTER VIII.

The first Sunday was beginning to be more or less dreaded or anticipated by Calvary church people. They were learning to expect something radical, sweeping, almost revolutionary in Philip's utterances on "Christ and Modern Society." Some agreed with him as far as he had gone. Very many had been hurt at his plainness of speech. This was especially true of the property owners and the fashionable part of the membership. Yet there was a fascination about Philip's preaching that prevented so far any very serious outbreak or dissension in the church. He was a recognized leader. In his presentation of truth he was large minded. He had the faculty of holding men's respect. There was no mistaking the situation, however. Mr. Winter, with others, was working against him. Philip was vaguely conscious of much that did not work out into open, apparent fact. Nevertheless, when he came up on the first Sunday of the next month and began to announce his subject, he found an audience that crowded the house to the doors, and among them were scattered numbers of men from the working-men's district with whom Philip had talked while down there. It was, as before, an inspiring congregation, and Philip faced it, feeling sure in his heart that he had a great subject to unfold and a message to deliver to the church of Christ such as he could not but believe Christ would most certainly present if he were living today in Milton.

He began by describing the exact condition of affairs in Milton. To assist this description he had brought with him into the church his map of the town.

"Look now," he said, pointing out the different localities, "at B street, where we now are. Here are seven of the largest churches of the place on this street. The entire distance between the first of these church buildings and the last one is a little over a mile. Three of these churches are only two blocks apart. Then consider the character of the residences and people in the vicinity of this street. It is what is called desirable—that is, the homes are the very finest, and the people, almost without exception, are refined, respectable, well educated and Christian in training. All the wealth of the town centers about B street. All the society life extends out from it on each side. It is considered the most fashionable street for drives and promenades. It is well lighted, well paved, well kept. The people who come out of the houses on B street are always well dressed. The people who go into these seven churches are as a rule well dressed and comfortable looking. Mind you," continued Philip, raising his hand with a significant gesture, "I do not want to have you think that I consider good clothes and comfortable looks as un-Christian or anything against the people who present such an appearance. Far from it. I simply mention this fact to make the contrast I am going to show you all the plainer. For let us leave B street now and go down into the flats by the river, where nearly all the mill people have their homes. I wish you would note first the distance from B street and the churches to this tenement district. It is nine blocks—that is, a little over a mile. To the edge of the tenement houses farthest from our own church building it is a mile and three-quarters. And within that entire district, measuring nearly two by three miles, there is not a church building. There are two feeble mission schools, which are held in plain, unattractive halls, where every Sunday a handful of children meet, but nothing practically is being done by the church of Christ in this place to give the people in that part of the town the privileges and power of the life of Christ, the life more abundantly.

"The houses down there are of the cheapest description. The people who come out of them are far from well dressed. The streets and alleys are dirty and ill smelling, and no one cares to promenade for pleasure up and down the sidewalks in that neighborhood. It is not a safe place to go to at night. The most frequent disturbances come from that part of the town. All the hard characters find refuge there. And let me say that I am not now speaking of the working people. They are almost without exception law abiding. But in every town like ours the floating population of vice and crime seeks naturally that part of a town where the poorest houses are, and the most saloons, and the greatest darkness, both physical and moral.

"If there is a part of this town which needs lifting up and cleaning and healing and inspiring by the presence of the church of Christ, it is right there where there is no church. The people on B street and for six or eight blocks each side know the gospel. They have large numbers of books and papers and much Christian literature. They have been taught the Bible truths; they are familiar with them. Of what value is it, then, to continue to support on this short street, so near together, seven churches, of as many different denominations, which have for their members the respectable, moral people of the town? I do not mean to say that the well to do, respectable people do not need the influence of the church and the preaching of the gospel. But they can get these privileges without such a fearful waste of material and power. If we had only three or four churches on this street they would be enough. We are wasting our Christianity with the present arrangement. We are giving the rich and the educated and well to do people seven times as much church as we are giving the poor, the ignorant and the struggling workers in the tenement district. There is no question, there can be no question, that all this is wrong. It is opposed to every principle that Christ advocated. And in the face of these plain facts, which no one can dispute, there is a duty before these churches on this street which cannot be evaded without denying the very purpose of a church. It is that duty which I am now going to urge upon this Calvary church.

"It has been said by some of the ministers and members of the churches that we might combine in an effort and build a large and commodious mission in the tenement district. But that, to my mind, would not settle the problem at all as it should be settled. It is an easy and a lazy thing for church members to put their hands in their pockets and say to a few other church members: 'We will help build a mission if you will run it after it is up. We will attend our church up town here while the mission is worked for the poor people down there.' That is not what will meet the needs of the situation. What that part of Milton needs is the church of Christ in its members—the whole church on the largest possible scale. What I am now going to propose, therefore, is something which I believe Christ would advocate, if not in the exact manner I shall explain, at least in the same spirit."

Philip paused a moment and looked over the congregation earnestly. The expectation of the people was roused almost to the point of a sensation as he went on:

"I have consulted competent authorities, and they say that our church building here could be moved from its present foundation without serious damage to the structure. A part of it would have to be torn down to assist the moving, but it could easily be replaced. The expense would not be more than we could readily meet. We are out of debt, and the property is free from incumbrance. What I propose, therefore, is a very simple thing—that we move our church edifice down into the heart of the tenement district, where we can buy a suitable lot for a comparatively small sum, and at once begin the work of a Christian church in the very neighborhood where such work is most needed.

"There are certain objections to this plan. I think they can be met by the exercise of the Christ spirit of sacrifice and love. A great many members will not be able to go that distance to attend service any more than the people there at present can well come up here. But there are six churches left on B street. What is to hinder any Christian member of Calvary church from working and fellowshipping with those churches if he cannot put in his service in the tenement district? None of these churches is crowded. They will welcome the advent of more members. But the main strength of the plan which I propose lies in the fact that if it be done it will be a live illustration of the eagerness of the church to reach and save men. The very sight of our church moving down off from this street to the lower part of the town will be an object lesson to the people, and the church will at once begin to mean something to them. Once established there, we can work from it as a center. The distance ought to be no discouragement to any healthy person. There is not a young woman in this church who is in the habit of dancing who does not make twice as many steps during an evening dancing party as would be necessary to take her to the tenement district and back again. Surely any Christian church member is as willing to endure fatigue and sacrifice and to give as much time to help make men and women better as he is to have a good time himself. Think for a moment what this move which I propose would mean to the life of this town and to our Christian growth. At present we go to church. We listen to a good choir, we go home again, we have a pleasant Sunday school, we are all comfortable and well clothed here, we enjoy our services, we are not disturbed by the sight of disagreeable or uncongenial people.

"But is that Christianity? Where do the service and the self denial and the working for men's souls come in? Ah, my dear brothers and sisters, what is this church really doing for the salvation of men in this place? Is it Christianity to have a comfortable church and go to it once or twice a week to enjoy nice music and listen to preaching, and then go home to a good dinner, and that is about all? What have we sacrificed? What have we denied ourselves? What have we done to show the poor or the sinful that we care anything for their souls or that Christianity is anything but a comfortable, select religion for those who can afford the good things of the world? What has the church in Milton done to make the workingman here feel that it is an institution that throbs with the brotherhood of man? But suppose we actually move our church down there and then go there ourselves weekdays and Sundays to work for the uplift of immortal beings. Shall we not then have the satisfaction of knowing that we are at least trying to do something more than enjoy our church all by ourselves? Shall we not be able to hope that we have at least attempted to obey the spirit of our sacrificing Lord, who commanded his disciples to go and disciple the nations? It seems to me that the plan is a Christian plan. If the churches in this neighborhood were not so numerous, if the circumstances were different, it might not be wise or necessary to do what I propose. But as the facts are, I solemnly believe that this church has an opportunity before it to show Milton and the other churches and the world that it is willing to do an unusual thing, that it has within it the spirit of complete willingness to reach and lift up mankind in the way that will do it best and most speedily. If individuals are commanded to sacrifice and endure for Christ's sake and the kingdom's, I do not know why organizations should not do the same. And in this instance something on a large scale, something that represents large sacrifice, something that will convince the people of the love of man for man, is the only thing that will strike deep enough into the problem of the tenement district in Milton to begin to solve it in any satisfactory or Christian way.

"I do not expect the church to act on my plan without due deliberation. I have arrived at my own conclusions after a careful going over the entire ground. And in the sight of all the need and degradation of the people and in the light of all that Christ has made clear to be our duty as his disciples it seems to me there is but one path open to us. If we neglect to follow him as he beckons us, I believe we shall neglect the one opportunity of Calvary church to put itself in the position of the church of the crucified Lamb of God, who did not please himself, who came to minister to others, who would certainly approve of any steps his church on earth in this age might honestly make to reach men and love them and become to them the helper and savior and life giver which the great Head of the church truly intended we should be. I leave this plan which I have proposed before you for your Christian thought and prayer. And may the Holy Spirit guide us all into all the truth. Amen."

If Philip had deliberately planned to create a sensation, he could not have done anything more radical to bring it about. If he had stood on the platform and fired a gun into the audience, it would not have startled the members of Calvary church more than this calm proposal to them that they move their building a mile away from its aristocratic surroundings. Nothing that he had said in his previous sermons had provoked such a spirit of opposition. This time the church was roused. Feelings of astonishment, indignation and alarm agitated the members of Calvary church. Some of them gathered about Philip at the close of the service.

"It will not be possible to do this thing you propose, Brother Strong," said one of the deacons, a leading member and a man who had defended Philip once or twice against public criticism.

"Why not?" asked Philip simply. He was exhausted with his effort that morning, but felt that a crisis of some

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sort had been precipitated by his message, and so he welcomed this show of interest which his sermon had aroused.

"The church will not agree to such a thing."

"A number of them favor such a step," replied Philip, who had talked over the matter fully with many in the church.

"A majority will vote against it."

"Yes, an overwhelming majority," said one man. "I know a good many who would not be able to go that distance to attend church, and they certainly would not join any other church on the street. I know, for one, I wouldn't."

"Not if you thought Christ's kingdom in this town would be advanced by it?" asked Philip, turning to this man with a directness that was almost bluntness.

"I don't see that that would be a test of my Christianity."

"That is not the question," said one of the trustees, who had the reputation of being a very shrewd business man. "The question is concerning the feasibility of moving this property a mile into the poorest part of the town and then maintaining it there. In my opinion it cannot be done. The expenses of the organization cannot be kept up. We should lose some of our best financial supporters. Mr. Strong's spirit and purpose spring from a good motive, no doubt, but viewed from a business point of view the church in that locality would not be a success. To my mind it would be a very unwise thing to do. It would practically destroy our organization here and not really establish anything there."

"I do not believe we can tell until we try," said Philip. "I certainly do not wish the church to destroy itself foolishly, but I do feel that we ought to do something very positive and very large to define our attitude as saviors in this community. And moving the house, as I propose, has the advantage of being a definite, practical step in the direction of a Christlike use of our powers as a church."

There was more talk of the same sort, but it was plainly felt by Philip that the plan he had proposed was distasteful to the greater part of the church, and if the matter came to a vote it would be defeated. He talked the plan over with his trustees, as he had already done before he spoke in public. Four of them were decided in their objection to the plan. Only one fully sustained Philip. During the week he succeeded in finding out that from his membership of 500 less than 40 persons were willing to stand by him in so radical a movement. And yet the more Philip studied the problem of the town the more he was persuaded that the only way for the church to make any impression on the tenement district was to put itself directly in touch with the neighborhood. To accomplish that necessity Philip was not stubborn. He was ready to adopt any plan that would actually do something, but he grew more eager every day that he spent in the study of the town to have the church feel its opportunity and make Christ a reality to those most in need of him.

It was at this time that Philip was surprised one evening by a call from one of the workingmen who had been present and heard his sermon on moving the church into the tenement district.

"I came to see you particularly, Mr. Strong, about getting you to come down to our hall some evening next week and give us a talk on some subject connected with the signs of the times."

"I'll come if you think I can do any good in that way," replied Philip, hesitating a little.

"I believe you can. The men are beginning to take to you, and while they won't come up to church they will turn out to hear you down there."

"All right. When do you want me to come?"

"Say next Tuesday. You know where the hall is?"

Philip nodded. He had been by it in his walks through that part of Milton.

The spokesman for the workmen expressed his thanks and arose to go, but Philip asked him to stay a few moments. He wanted to know at first hand what the man's representative fellows would do if the church should at any time decide to act after Philip's plan.

"Well, to tell the truth, Mr. Strong, I don't believe very many of them would join any church."

"That is not the question. Would they feel the church any more there than where it is now?"

"Yes, I honestly think they would. They would come out to hear you."

"Well, that would be something, to be sure," replied Philip, smiling. "But as to the wisdom of the plan—how does it strike you on the whole?"

"I would like to see it done. I don't believe I shall, though."

"Why?"

"Your church won't agree to it."

"Maybe they will in time."

"I hope they will. And let me tell you, Mr. Strong, even if you succeeded in getting your church and people to come into the tenement district you would find plenty of people there who wouldn't go to hear you."

"I suppose that is so. But, oh, that we might do something!" Philip clasped his hands over his knee and gazed earnestly at the man opposite. The man returned the gaze almost as earnestly. It was the personification of the church confronting the laboring man, each in a certain way asking the other, "What will the church do?" And it was a noticeable fact that the minister's look revealed more doubt and anxiety than the other man's look, which contained more or less of indifference and distrust. Philip sighed, and his visitor soon after took his leave.

So it came about that Philip Strong plunged into a work which from the time he stepped into the dingy little hall and faced the crowd peculiar to it had a growing influence on all his strange career, grew in strangeness rapidly as days came on.

He was invited again and again to address the men in that part of Milton. They were almost all of them mill employees. They had a simple organization for debate and discussion of questions of the day. Gradually the crowds increased as Philip continued to come and developed a series of talks on Christian socialism. There was standing room only. He was beginning to know a number of the men, and a strong affection was growing up in their hearts for him.

That was just before the time the trouble at the mills broke out. He had just come back from the hall where he had now been going every Thursday evening and where he had spoken on his favorite theme—"The Meaning and Responsibility of Power, Both Financial and Mental." He had treated the subject from the Christian point of view entirely. He had several times roused his rude audience to enthusiasm. Moved by his theme and his surroundings, he had denounced, with even more than usual vigor, those men of ease and wealth who did nothing with their money to help their brothers. He had mentioned, as he went along, what great responsibility any great power puts on a man and had dealt in a broad way with the whole subject of power in men as a thing to be used and always used for the common good.

He did not recall his exact statements, but felt a little uneasy as he walked home, for fear he might possibly have influenced his particular audience against the rich as a class. He had not intended anything of the kind, but had a vague idea that possibly he ought to have guarded some words or sentences more carefully.

He had gone up into his study to finish some work when the bell rang sharply, and he came down to open the door just as Mrs. Strong came in from the other room, where she had been giving directions to the girl, who had gone up stairs through the kitchen.

The minister and his wife opened the door together, and one of the neighbors rushed into the hall so excited he could hardly speak.

"Oh, Mr. Strong, won't you go right down to Mr. Winter's house? You have more influence with those men than any one around here."

"What men?"

"The men who are going to kill him if some one doesn't stop it!"

"What!" cried Philip, turning pale, not from fear, but from self reproach, to think he might have made a mistake. "Who is trying to kill him—the mill men?"

"Yes! No! I do not, cannot tell. But he is in great danger, and you are the only man in this town who can help to save him. Come!"

Philip turned to his wife. "Sarah, it is my duty. If anything should happen to me, you know my soul will meet yours at the gates of paradise."

He kissed her and rushed out into the night.

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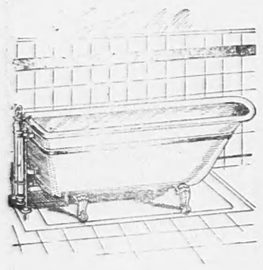

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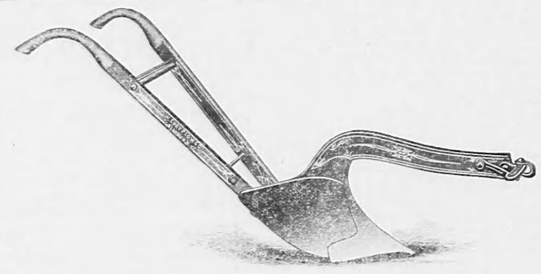

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1 lb. package Cleaned Currants,	.09
1 can Little Neck Clams,	.10
2 cans Best Red Salmon,	.25
1 lb. Java Coffee,	.20
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10 lbs. Gran. Yellow Corn Meal,	.20
10 lbs. Rye Meal,	.25
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1 gal. Best Porto Rico Molasses,	.45
1 gal. Good Porto Rico Molasses,	.35
1 gal. Best Sugar Syrup,	.50
10 bars Dome Soap,	.25
Good Will Soap,	4c a bar
1 package Royal Soap Powder (worth 10c.),	.06
1 Glass Tumbler Jelly or Jam (worth 10c.),	.06
1 qt. Best Mix Pickles,	.10
1 lb. Pure Lard,	.08
1 lb. Bacon Pork,	.08

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THE TOWN REPORTS ARE OUT.

What They Tell Regarding the Business of the Year.

LOOK THEM OVER BEFORE ELECTION.

Figures and Recommendations Given by the Various Boards of Town Officers.

The reports of the town officers for the past year were sent to the voters through the mail this morning, and every voter will find both a town report and a school committee report addressed to him in the post office in the precinct in which he votes, regardless of where he ordinarily gets his mail.

The town clerk's report gives the number of births during the year ending Dec. 31, 1899, as 271; marriages 90; deaths, 149; marriage certificates issued, 80; chattel mortgages, 38; assignment of mortgages, 1; notices of attachment, 1; married women's certificates, 3; bill of sale, 1; assignment of wages, 3; notice of foreclosure, 1; discharge of mortgage, 2 The list of births, marriages and deaths is given in full.

The treasurer's report shows the receipts for the year to have been $91,168 24, and the expenditures $89,981.68, leaving a balance in the treasury of $1186.56. There are selectmen's orders outstanding and unpaid amounting to $304.32.

In their report the selectmen explain the overdraft of the contingent and highway accounts by the payment of numerous bills contracted previous to the past year, and on account of the heavy rain storms which washed the roads severely; a large sum was also used in paying for clearing the highways after the blizzards of last winter. The highway account foots up $5048 14, of which only $210 went for the superintendence of the year. The selectmen announce that they have endeavored to save the town as much money as possible, and as a result are able to report an unexpended balance in most departments. They have found it impossible to keep the highway expenses within the appropriation on account of the storms, but in view of the experience of neighboring towns think the town is fortunate to get off so easily. An increase in the appropriation for the coming year is imperative.

Bridges are reported in a much better condition than the year before, though there are a few which are still dangerous. A new bridge at Burleigh's is advised. The two new iron bridges at Thorndike are considered as among the best in the town The contracts were let at a favorable time—the selectmen report—and the town saved a considerable sum of money, which could not have been effected had the contract been delayed, owing to the rapid advance in the price of iron. The appropriation for these two bridges was $5500, and the cost was $4862 82.

One sewer which the selectmen started to lay in the Depot Village they were unable to put in on account of a protest from the owner of the property through which it must pass, although the pipe had been bought.

The usual itemized report of appropriations and expenditures in the several matters voted by the town is followed by this recapitulation:

	Appropriation.	Expenditure.
Contingent,	$2,700.00	$3,262.59
Highways,	4,500.00	5,048.14
Repairs Pine Grove, Thorndike,	125.00	134.00
Bridges,	1,000 00	846 36
New Bridges,	5,000.00	4,862.82
Sewers and Culverts,	400.00	434.33
New Sewers,	3,0'0.00	2,071.53
Memorial Day,	100.00	100 00
Young Men's Library Association,	1,000.00	1,000.00
Repairs Library Building Roof,	400.00	347.29
Use of Board of Health,	192.10	165 40
Sidewalks,	1,000.00	999.26
Building Committee,	500.00	102 59
Electric Lights,	5,000.00	4,929.52
Police,	1,600.00	1,599.84
Board of Health,	100.00	100.00
Selectmen,	450.00	450 00
Assessors,	550.00	550.00
Treasurer,	50.00	50.00
Auditors,	20.00	20.00
Railings,	200.00	196.85
Bonds of Town Officers,	200.00	171.00
	$28,587.10	$27,441.52
Balance of appropriations,		$ 1,145.58
Total expenditures,		27,441.52
Received from Palmer & Monson St. Ry.,		192.50
		$27,249.02

Net cost to town,

The selectmen announce that there is $230 due the town for sewer entrances, and recommend these appropriations:

Contingencies,	$3,000.00
Highways,	5,000.00
Railings,	200.00
Sewers and culverts,	600.00
Bridges,	800.00

H. A. Northrop, tax collector in 1897 and '98, reports $5470 72 of the '99 taxes collected during the year, and $3550 of the '98 taxes, leaving only $72 14 of the latter year still uncollected. J. A. Hawkes, the collector last year, has collected all but $2534 56 of the nearly $59,000 on the book.

The overseers of the poor call attention to the increase in the expense of their department as due to the increase in the number of insane, which is general throughout the state. The poor not on the town farm has cost the past year $4441 83; the poor on the farm cost $2673 72. The whole number on the farm during the year was 50; largest at any one time, 35; average, 30¼; average cost per week per person, $1 70. The inventory at the farm is $3377, $177 greater than last year. The receipts at the farm for the year were $2048 97. The number of tramps cared for during the year was 291, at a cost of $202 69. The total expenses of the year were $8298 26, with $268 38 due the town and estimated outstanding bills of $500. The overseers recommend total appropriations of $7200.

The board of health gives various tables concerning the contagious diseases of the year, the number of deaths, ages, causes, etc. The expenses of the board, exclusive of salaries, were $104 80. They ask for $200 for the "use of the board," exclusive of salaries.

The cemetery commissioners report much work done in the new cemetery in the Depot Village, though work has also been done in the old cemeteries at Palmer Center and Three Rivers, and in the Four Corners cemetery. Fifty-six deeds of lots have been sold, bringing $593 There are trust funds in the town treasury amounting to $1145 46 An appropriation of $500 is asked for.

The Young Men's Library Association shows an increase of 348 volumes during the year, the total now being 5530. The number of books loaned during the year was 15,971. Attention is called to the fact that during the year the by-laws have been amended so that membership in the association is more easily obtained, and a hope expressed that in the near future the number of members may be very greatly increased. The expenses of the year were $1240 74.

The auditors have been through the books and have pronounced them correct, but as copy for their report failed to reach the printer the town report does not contain a statement to that effect.

The school committee reports the school accommodations of the town as adequate with two exceptions. It will be necessary to open a new school at Three Rivers, where in one room there are now over 80 pupils; there is another room in the building which can be used for this purpose by fitting it up and engaging another teacher. There are now 35 pupils at the wire mill school, and more are expected; another room and teacher will be necessary there. Here, as at Three Rivers, the room is already provided, needing only furniture and a teacher. In view of the recent construction of a macadam road between the grammar school in the Depot village and Blanchardville, the committee recommends that the school in the latter place be closed on account of the small number of pupils,—only 10,—believing that the short distance they would be compelled to walk would be no hardship; they could be furnished transportation between Thanksgiving and Easter, and would receive much better instruction in the graded school of the village. If this were done the necessary additional schools would be very little additional expense over the present figure. The buildings are reported in good condition except that in the Depot village, on which a special committee will report at the meeting April 2. From the appropriations of the year the committee has returned to the town treasurer $329, together with $251 of the $1000 appropriated for a new schoolroom in the Depot village. Regular appropriations of $20,000 are asked for, with $438 for insurance of buildings, $400 for music and $1000 for additional schoolroom, with the promise that all which is not needed will be returned.

The percentage of attendance is slightly smaller than last year, while the number of tardy marks is smaller, as is also the number of dismissals and hours lost, an encouraging sign. The cost per pupil is a few cents larger than last year, but still smaller than for any of the four years previous to that. The superintendent's report, and those of the drawing and music teachers, give a summary of the school work as a whole. The roll of honor for the year contains these names:

SCHOOLS BELOW THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy during the year.	Pupils not absent during the year.

PALMER GRAMMAR.

ROOM 1.	
Edward C. Maxwell.	Elizabeth Chalk.
ROOM 2.	
	Olive H. Pope.
ROOM 3.	
Edwin T. Prindle.	Daniel J. Harrington.
ROOM 4.	
Adeline R. Coles.	
Vivian E. Wright.	
ROOM 5.	
Alice Costello.	

THORNDIKE GRAMMAR.

ROOM 1.	
Bessie J. Trumble.	
Euclide Furkey.	
ROOM 2.	
Annie M. Bouthillier.	
Annie M. Brosnan.	
ROOM 5.	
Telesphore Bouthillier.	
Eva M. Fountain.	
ROOM 6.	
Calastigne Archambault.	
Walter Fontaine.	
Aldora St. Jacque.	
Frank Younge.	

BONDSVILLE GRAMMAR.

ROOM 1.	
	Ralph O. Hayes.
ROOM 3.	
Lara Cote.	

THREE RIVERS GRAMMAR.

ROOM 1.	
Vina R. Freak.	Glennon L. Paine.
May M. Senton.	
ROOM 2.	
Lila Fish.	
George Paulin.	
ROOM 3.	
Willie Tannebring.	
ROOM 4.	
Emma Barber.	
ROOM 5.	
Florence Collins.	
Chester Tannebring.	

DISTRICTS.

SHORLEY.	
Joseph E. Kerigan.	
Nelson St. John.	
Rose St. John.	
CENTER.	
	Agnes L. Mahoney.
	Lillian A. Mahoney.

The receipts and expenditures of this committee are shown by the following table:

Dr.		Cr.
$13,900.00	Teachers' salaries,	$14,026.54
1,000.00	Care of houses,	1,207.00
300.00	Contingencies and superintendent.	337.93
900.00	Text books and supplies,	1,829.16
500 00	Repairs,	440.56
1,500.00	Fuel,	1,468.82
900.00	Transportation,	734.96
400.00	Drawing,	400 00
535.39	Dog tax.	
303.18	Mass. school fund.	
34 34	Merrick fund.	
464 36	Tuition, receipts, etc.,	59.09
	SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.	
400.00	Music,	472.01
175.00	Insurance,	13.12
1,000.00	Extra schoolroom,	748.86
	Balance returned to Treasurer,	580.22
$22,918.27		$22,918.27

STORES MUST CLOSE SUNDAY.

Officer Ordered to Enforce Law in Depot Village.

NO COMPLAINT FROM OTHER VILLAGES

So Nothing Will Be Done in Them Until Protests are Made. What May be Sold on Sunday.

The matter of the Sunday opening of stores is one which is uppermost in the minds of many Palmer people at present. Years ago it was the custom of the drug stores to open for a time Sunday morning for the sale of drugs, newspapers, etc., closing after a time for the remainder of the day. Later came an evening opening for an hour. Still later came other places of business which dealt in certain lines carried by the drug stores,—tobacco, confectionery, etc.,—which claimed that they had as much right to keep open for the sale of those articles as had the drug stores. Some of these dealers had no desire to keep open on the Sabbath, but felt that they must do so in order to hold their customers in certain lines. Complaint was made to the selectmen some time ago regarding the fruit store in the Nassawanno block, and the police were notified to see that it was closed. The next week the proprietor sold out and the new owner added ice cream to his wares, claiming the right to sell this on Sunday if other places in town did the same. The matter was allowed to drift along, with no action, and other places began to keep open more or less on Sunday. This week complaint has been made to the selectmen, and Officer Conroy has been notified to close all places doing business Sunday contrary to law. He has accordingly notified those who have been keeping open to close, and it is understood that they will close; in fact that most of them are glad to if all can be made to.

It must be understood that Palmer is not the only village of the town in which places of business are kept open on Sundays unnecessarily; all of the villages have them to a greater or less extent, and with the most of those who keep open on Sunday it is understood to be a case of do so because some one rival insists on doing so; they would be glad to close if assured that all would close. No complaint has been made from any of the other villages however, and until there has been the selectmen will issue no orders for the officers in them. It lies with the people of the several villages to decide whether they will have the places open on the Sabbath or not.

The law regarding Sunday opening of business places is very explicit. It allows bakers and their employes to sell their products until 10 in the forenoon, and between 4 and 6.30 in the afternoon; the wholesale or retail sale of milk is allowed at all hours; drug stores are allowed to sell drugs and Sunday newspapers. Beyond this, with the exception of livery stables, etc., Sunday opening seems to be barred.

The matter of Sunday opening has been adversely commented on for some time by many people who, while they have not cared to make complaint personally, will be glad to see the places closed which have kept open.

TOWN ELECTION ON MONDAY.

Two Straight Tickets for Selectmen--A Hot Contest.

WHAT THE FRIENDS OF EACH CLAIM.

No Other Contests of Great Prominence. Much Work Being Done, Though on the Quiet.

Not in recent years has there been so much interest in an election of town officers as is manifested this year. The work is not being done with a brass band and a procession, but quietly and without noise, but it is being done nevertheless, here, there, everywhere. The voter who has not had the merits of one or the other set of candidates—or both—for selectmen held up to him has indeed been overlooked or is being left for the last hours of the campaign.

The principal interest centers in the election of a board of selectmen. Running against the present board—or rather two members of the present board and C. E. Fuller in place of C. T. Brainerd—are C. H. Hobbs, agent of the mills at Thorndike, G. M. Atkins of Palmer, and J. F. Twiss of Three Rivers. All have had previous experience on the board but Mr. Hobbs, but his well-known business ability is such that there can be no question of his fitness for the place.

The friends of both boards are making the hustle of their lives. Any board which holds office for a time will make enemies, and the present one is no exception to the rule. But the present board—a majority of it—comes before the voters for reelection relying upon their record for good business management in the past and their activity in promoting whatever has seemed for the best interests of the town. They point to instances where they have saved the town many dollars of expense by careful management, as evidenced among others in the new bridges at Thorndike, considered among the best in the town, and the construction of the sewers in the Depot Village under the direct supervision of the board, thus saving a large sum over what would have been paid if done by contract. A section of state road has been secured and built the past year, after several years of failure. In the matter of the grade crossing changes at Burleigh's, the present board has nearly completed arrangements for the work and has all the details by heart, being in a position to push the changes along rapidly now.

The advocates of the Hobbs, Atkins, Twiss ticket also point to the past good record of usefulness on the board of two of their candidates, and claim that there is no reason why they are not as valuable now as ever, while Mr. Hobbs's judgment and influence in many matters they claim would be of great value to the town in view of his large business experience and sound judgment. Among other things, they contend that it is for the best interests of the town that the superintendent of streets should not be a member of the board of selectmen, and that if their candidates are elected that official will be someone besides a member of the board. They also point to the fact that two of the board derive no business income from the town, consequently their trade will be in no way affected by anything they may do, leaving them free to act without fear or favor in all matters concerning the welfare of the citizens. They also say that there will be no political trades in the board, and that each member will be influenced by his own judgment solely. If they are elected, three villages of the town will be represented on the board.

For assessors there are four candidates, the Republicans having nominated John W. Brainerd of Palmer in place of A. A. Warriner, who however is named by the Democrats. The Republicans also nominated Rev. Charles Olmstead of Three Rivers for school committee in place of F. A. Ruggles, renominated by the Democrats. Dr. G. H. Wilkins is Dr. Hendee's opponent for board of health for three years, while R. L. Bond for overseer of the poor, J. B. Shaw for town clerk and treasurer, J. A. Hawkes for tax collector and H. C. Strong for cemetery commissioner are "worrying no trouble," as they are the sole nominees for these offices. The constable contest in Palmer, Thorndike and Bondsville will be a hot one, much feeling underlying the surface on account of various matters which have occurred in these places during the past year.

The vote Monday will no doubt be a big one, as every effort will be made to get the last man out.

MORE MARCH TOWN MEETINGS.

Wilbraham and Ludlow—Both No License as Usual.

Wilbraham and Ludlow were the only near-by towns to hold their annual meetings on Monday, and as usual both went no-license, the former by 72 to 25, and the latter by 145 to 71. At Wilbraham there was the liveliest kind of debate on the question of dispensing with the superintendent of schools, there being a sentiment among many that the school committee could perform the duties of that official quite as well. But by a close vote it was finally decided to retain Miss Poland another year. It was voted to discontinue instruction in singing and drawing by special teachers, and have the regular teachers do the work.

At Ludlow the building of two new schoolhouses, the opening of a grammar school in the Center, and the establishment of a permanent police were the principal matters for discussion. Sketches of new buildings were shown by the school committee, and the entire matter was left in the hands of a committee consisting of John E. Stevens, Henry I. Carver and A. H. Halford, to report on the cost of such buildings in four weeks. It was voted to appoint a police officer, the compensation to be left to the selectmen. A petition has been started in favor of Emerson F. Lovett, who has served as a special for a number of years. A grammar school in the Center is to be established for the winter months only. The license vote, 71, was the largest in the history of the town, 46 having been the highest previous vote.

The officers elected and the appropriations voted:

Ludlow—Moderator, George A. Birnie; clerk and treasurer, Alfred H. Bartlett; selectman and overseer of the poor, John W. Hubbard; assessor, Charles P. Jones; school committee, Albert H. Halford; auditors, Adelbert L. Bennett, Charles S. Browning; tax collector, David Trombly; constables, David Trombly, Charles A. White, Hall E. Storer, George Chamberlain, A. Dexter Tufts, Albert Wilson, W. H. Considine, Edward E. Chapman; trustee of Hubbard memorial library, Edward E. Fuller. Appropriations—Schools, $7475; library, 75; school supplies, $600; support of poor, 1500; town charges, 2500; highways and bridges, 2500; Memorial day, 75; total, 14,800. Liquor license: Yes, 71; No, 145.

Wilbraham—Moderator, F. E. Clark; clerk and treasurer, F. A. Fuller; selectman for three years, Jason Butler; assessors, for three years George L. Rindge; for two years Jesse L. Rice; school committee, for three years Ethelbert Bliss, for one year H. G. Webber; tax collector, W. M. Green; constables, E. H. Eaton, C. G. Robbins, A. F. Friend, William Kallman, Lucius Farr; library trustee for three years, F. A. Gurney; fence viewers, J. L. Rice, H. H. Burbank, O. F. Benedict, J. K. Butler; tree warden, L. M. Scott. Appropriations—Schools, $3400; repairs on school buildings, 200; tuition of town pupils in Wesleyan academy, 600; library, 25; paupers, 800; highways and bridges, 2500; cemeteries, 100; street lights, 200; contingent account and town officers, 1500; total, 9325. Liquor license: Yes, 25; no, 72.

ABOUT EUROPEAN PALACES.

Interesting Letter From a Former Monson Woman.

TELLS OF PLACES SHE HAS VISITED.

Some Magnificent Structures, and What They Contain. But Little Used, However.

People in Palmer and Monson will be particularly interested in the following letter to the JOURNAL from Miss Pease, a former instructor in Monson Academy, now studying in Berlin, where she went last August.

To the American abroad, John Howard Payne's words come with fresh force:

"'Mid pleasures and palaces tho' I may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

The traveler in Europe actually has a surfeit of palaces; yet he never sees royalty at home, and would be glad of a glimpse of their real abode. It is to be hoped that the dwelling rooms are cosy and comfortable; for with all their elegance and splendor, the public rooms shown to visitors are cold and uninviting.

There are so many palaces in Prussia that the Kaiser might almost live in a different one each month. As a matter of fact, his family spends but little time in Berlin, and occupies the new palace in Potsdam the remainder of the year. The other palaces are only storehouses of royal heirlooms and historic curiosities, guarded by soldiers to whom some task must be assigned, and kept in order and exhibited by officials, who have this way of earning a livelihood.

The other day I visited the great schloss here. It is centrally located in a large square formed by broad streets. On one side it fronts the beautiful Lustgarten, a public park with fountains and flower beds and a magnificent equestrian bronze statue of Kaiser Friedrich Wilhelm III. Around this monument throngs a motley crowd each day about noon, to hear the military band which plays here at the emperor's command. Beyond the Lustgarten one can see the Museums of Art and the National Gallery of Modern Paintings. On the opposite side of the palace is a handsome fountain, representing a gigantic statue Neptune surrounded by personifications of four of the chief rivers of Germany. On a third side is the national monument to Kaiser Wilhelm I, an imposing work, representing the emperor as attended by War, Peace and Victory, and surrounded by numerous trophies. Behind the group extends a semi-circular colonnade richly ornamented. The palace occupies part of an island formed by the dividing of the river Spree, which is crossed by many bridges adorned by statues of personages historical and allegorical.

The schloss itself is 650 feet long and about half as broad, enclosing two large courts. Its exterior is less elaborate than that of most public buildings here; however, a large dome rises over the royal chapel, several statues stand along the roof, and the portals are stately. Like everything of note this side of the sea, the schloss has a history running back into centuries. It grew gradually to its present dimensions, and portions still standing show the difference in style of various periods. We entered between two large groups in bronze, The Horse Tamers, presented by emperor Nicholas of Russia in 1842. Soldiers on duty opened the heavy iron gates for us, and directed us to the castellan, where we paid our fifty pfennige (12½ cents) and received admission tickets. After waiting a few minutes in a lower hall, we wended our way, in company with some twelve or fifteen others, up and up an inclined plane laid in brick that wound around and around until we had reached the third story of the building. On the other side of the corridor are marble steps for the use of nobility.

Of the six or seven hundred rooms, less than a score are shown. We entered first the old guard room, and here slipped large felt sandals over our shoes as a protection for the handsome, polished floors in the rooms before us. In two large ante chambers hang portraits of the families of the renowned Frederick the Great, and of Friedrich Wilhelm, the great elector, who laid the foundations of the Prussian monarchy and of Berlin's importance. Then comes the Koenigszimwer with portraits of all the Prussian monarchs and their wives in coronation robes. In the Hohenzollern Museum we had seen the very gowns worn by some of these, together with other articles of wardrobe, and memorials of one kind and another presented on occasions of rejoicing, so many that we did not wonder it was necessary to build a mansion to contain them. We had heard, too, many a tale of their history, so we felt fairly well acquainted with their majesties, and even recognized some of their faces before the guide spoke their names.

A series of reception rooms follow, heavily adorned with gold and silver trimmings, and containing various costly gifts and well executed paintings of historic scenes. In the old throne room, now a knight's hall, is a great display of gold and silver ware two hundred years old. In another apartment are silver candelabra, fac-similes of those melted and coined by order of Frederick the Great to carry on the Seven Years' War. I was interested in the rooms set apart to the orders of the Red Eagle and the Black Eagle, the highest of German nobility. The walls of each are covered with the emblem of the order, and one painting shows the ceremony attending this knighting; the ceremony and the brilliant scarlet robes are the same to-day as in early times. The opening of the Reichstag takes place in the White Hall of this palace, which is quite in contrast to the preceding rooms that are furnished in red. We saw the canopy under which the Kaiser stands, and our imagination peopled the hall with the dignitaries who then assemble. The White Hall has some especially good portrait statues. The long picture gallery contains many likenesses of foreign as well as home rulers, and the ceiling, as in other rooms, has beautiful paintings from mythology. This is used as dining hall on state occasions and can seat eight hundred guests.

Beside one of the windows is a small mirror so set that it reflects the whole length of Unterden Linden, the leading aristocratic street of the city. It is a pretty view, worthy a place in the gallery. Down the entire length is a double row of linden trees through the center, enclosing a broad walk. At the head of this line is a massive bronze statue of Frederick the Great, so mounted that some one has likened the effect to that of his standing at the head of ranks of soldiers. Far down the street rises Brandenburg Thor, the entrance to the great Tiergarten.

Among the collections of portraits in the Queens' Room our attention was especially attracted by one frame with elaborate, significant and delicately wrought emblems cut in wood and afterwards gilded.

The ante-room of the White Hall is hung with queer Gobelin tapestries, representing scenes from Don Quixote, and portraits of Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales, Alexander II of Russia, and other friends of the German throne.

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 16, 1900.

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

BOSTON, March 14, 1900.

The annual attack upon the civil service system of the state has been opened this week and will continue next Tuesday, when the committee on the public service will give their second hearing on the bills for the repeal of the civil service act of 1884 and in various other ways to discredit the merit system for appointing public officials to office. But it has not been a strong attack and is out of favor from the start, except with those who want to make spoils of the offices. It was tried to be shown that the civil service of the state was in good condition when the law of 1884 was passed and therefore that there was no need of the law at all. Some rambling testimony was offered and it was also said that the commission has appointed to the position of examiner in the civil service Representative Russell of Boston, who is vice president of the Republican city committee, the effort being to have it appear that the commission is using its position for political purposes. As far as developed, the attack is not as strong as it was last year when there was a case from Lowell in which there had been difficulty in getting the desired official from the certified lists and so a person was taken from the outside. A significant feature of the hearing this week was the presence of several women. Of course the many women clerks in the departments of state and municipal government have a direct interest in the maintainance of the law as it is. If the merit system were abolished, then the places which women can secure under the competitive system would be more likely to go to the men politicians who had pulls upon the appointing powers, or, if women were selected, they would be selected under a system of favoritism, with the attendant scandals which would be sure to grow out of such circumstances with so many women holding offices as are doing it under the modern system of industry. One reason against repealing the law, which is likely to override all other practical considerations when the matter gets into the Legislature, is that it would be political suicide for the Republicans to pass a repeal bill. It has been the boast of the Republicans that they were the true reform party and that the public service is better administered by them than it would be by the Democrats. If the Legislature, with more than a two-thirds Republican majority in each branch, should pass a bill to repeal the merit system, then, says a Republican of long observation in politics, it would be easy for the Democrats, with a second William E. Russell for governor, to sweep the state. This is certainly a well grounded observation.

The Legisiature is composed of politicians more than the average mass of the people. Hence the state house is a good place to sense political sentiment, as it exists among men half-bose, half sensitive to what the people think. One of the prominent Republicans of the House declares that Congressman McCall is the most popular man in the state to-day because of his position in favor of free trade with Porto Rico. Hoar and Lodge were both mentioned as no exception to the truth about McCall. This was said, too, by a Republican who wants the United States to keep the Philippines. But he believes also that the constitution should follow the flag and that if it does not, then we want nothing under the flag which is not also under the constitution. If we must give up the constitution in the Philippines, he argues, in order to keep the Philippines, then we had better give up the Philippines. Of course this member's remark is based upon some observation and if Congressman McCall is really the most popular man in Massachusetts to-day because of his stand for popular rights, then it is a fact to be noted and weighed according.

A new turn has been taken in the development of transportation in Boston, which is of interest all over the state and perhaps all over the country. The elevated railway company has decided that it is for its interest to have a new subway under Washington street, and it has submitted a proposition to that effect to the committee on metropolitan affairs. The present route of the elevated road, through the congested section, is along Atlantic avenue. This is by the water front and is a long ways from Washington street, where the retail trade and the heft of the travel is. Hence, in order to reach this trade and to accommodate this travel, it is necessary to get near Washington street. The success of the Tremont street subway has made the success of a parellel line apparently certain, and it does not seem to be a question of risk, but only of civil engineering. Thus the system of underground travel in Boston has already got a long start, and is evidently going further.

Senator Kenefick is trying to make an honest bill out of the House bill for the benefit of the Cape Cod Canal Company. Mr. Colby of Boston tried it in the House and failed.

No committee hearing in recent years has been as dramatic as that on Wednesday forenoon before the committee on manufactures, which is trying to get to the bottom of the confused gas situation in Boston. Thomas W. Lawson, who seem to be genuinely hostile to Heney M. Whitney, was on the stand all of the forenoon and the largest committee room in the new extension of the state house was packed with interested witnesses. Whitney was not present, having obtained a two-weeks' leave of absence from the committee a few days ago. But distinguished counsel were there, Robert M. Morse Jr., ex-President William N. Butler, Sherman L. Whipple, George W. Anderson, Parker W. Chandler and others who were interested in previous gas deals. Some of the third house were on hand whom Representative Engstrom had summoned to attend, but who did not testify. In the room or about it were James J. Mahoney, Robert A. Southworth. Walter L. Holden and the man Fleming or Congdon, who was associated with the forgery of names to the list of supporters of George T. Sleeper when he was candidate for re-election as clerk of the House. Editor John H. Holmes of the Boston *Herald* and Osborne Howes, a *Herald* editorial writer, were there. Listeners were so thick that they crowded around the end of the table where Lawson sat, telling some things he knew about Boston gas. He said that it would be perfectly feasible, with fair play to all parties, to decree that gas should be sold for 75 cents in Boston. If that were done, it would simplify the situation, for men who complicate the situation with gas at $1 will pack their grips and move on to new fields. The committee hope to reach bottom before they finish, but they realize that they have not done so yet.

One feature of Lawson's testimony will attract general attention,—that it cost from $400,000 to $700,000 to pass the pipe line bill of 1896 through the Legislature. He said everybody knew that corrupt means were used. Now, it is the sober truth that the state house reeked then with rumors of corruption, such as have never been heard before or since. It is evidently a favorite opportunity for putting the probe down deep and finding out about these things which disgrace the state and are a basis for sending many distinguished men to state prison. Doubtless the people will turn back to see who served them in 1896, for there were stories of bribery in connection with men who doubtless stood well at home, but who argued that their need of money was justification for holding out their hands for the abundant supply which was going around.

Possibly the House order of Mr. Reed of Taunton, which has been adopted beyond possibility of recall, requiring the railroad companies to show to whom passes were issued in 1899 and to March 1, 1900, may give new light upon the honesty of our public officials and upon the practices of our railroads. This promises to be a wonderful Legislature for investigations, and the queer part of it is that nobody yet seems disposed to credit the members with an extra amount of virtue, nor do they seem to think so themselves. It is more like the falling out of thieves and the ripening of events which make the situation so interesting about the gypsy moth, the metropolitan water board, the Boston gas stocks, the Boston and Albany railroad and the abuse of railroad passes. Possibly virtue will be above par before we are prorogued.

LANDON.

PALMER NEWS.

MAIL BAG THIEF CAUGHT.

Man Who Recently Stole Sack at Palmer Arrested in Vermont.

A man by the name of Robert J. Farley, a tramp, was arrested in Rutland, Vt., Wednesday on the charge of stealing the United States mail bag which was found in the "Glen" across the river from Palmer on the 10th of February. A short time ago a store in Rutland was broken into and a tramp arrested on suspicion. While in jail he promised, if he would be leniently dealt with, to tell the authorities where a mail sack had been stolen and where they could find the man who did it. The promise was given and he gave the information that one had been taken at Palmer, telling where it would be found. He had some of the papers which came from it—reports from the agricultural college at Amherst—on him when arrested. A government official was notified and came to Palmer to look the matter up, arriving a few days after the finding of the sack. Farley was then looked up, and his arrest accomplished Wednesday. The sack was taken by Farley, so his partner says, from the station platform near the baggage room door. It was a sack used for papers, and was not locked, as they never contain valuable matter, but was latched with a cord and catch. When the mail is taken from the Amherst train this class of matter is often left on a truck outside the station while the valuable matter in transit is put inside and the mail for the Palmer office is carried over. Farley and his companion saw the pile of sacks and planned to steal one, but failed to get anything of value. Farley was arranged in the United States court at Boston and held in $2000 bonds.

THEY ALL LIKED HIM.

Rousing Send-off by Employes of New Electric Road Assistant.

Frank S. Hunnewell, who yesterday assumed charge of the operation, track and car barn of the street railway system, was given a rousing send-off by the men of the L. L. and H. road under him at North Andover Monday evening. An oyster supper was served, after which there was an entertainment of music, recitations, etc., and a most jolly good time by the 125 or more present. During the evening a purse containing $100 in gold was presented Mr. Hunnewell, who has been connected with the Lawrence division of the road for four and a half years and was very popular with the men. Mr. Hunnewell has been in the railroad business since he was 15 years old.

Democratic Caucus Nominees.

Friday night's caucus of the Democrats was largely attended. But one ticket was presented to the caucus, that prepared by the town committee under its rule made two years ago, although it had been intimated that another might be in evidence. The chairman was T. J. Moran, with D. F. Dillon secretary. The clerks were M. E. Keefe, A. A. Warriner, M. F. Fenton, E. P. Brown, F. M. Foley. The ticket, with the vote for each candidate follows, a star (*) indicating nomination:

SELECTMEN.

*G. M. Atkins,	173	*C. H. Hobbs,	172
M. J. Dillon,	68	C. L. Holden,	60
C. E. Fuller,	41	*J. F. Twiss.	189

ASSESSORS.

*H. L. Bishop,	165	*A. A. Warriner,	174
*J. O. Hamilton,	154		

OVERSEER OF POOR.

*R. L. Bond,	137

TOWN CLERK.

*J. B. Shaw,	154

TOWN TREASURER.

*J. B. Shaw,	135

TAX COLLECTOR.

*J. A. Hawkes,	199

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

*C. N. Shaw,	144	*F. A. Ruggles,	134

BOARD OF HEALTH.

*Dr. L. H. Hendee,	88

CONSTABLES.

*T. D. Carmody,	96	*J. F. Luman,	187
*Michael Collins,	169	*J. J. Manning,	196
*T. J. Conroy,	140	H. A. Northrop,	81
Eugene Decoteau,	42		

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER.

*H. C. Strong,	103

AUDITORS.

*C. K. Gamwell,	132	*S. H. Hellyar,	123

FENCE VIEWERS.

*H. M. Kendall,	109	*Dennis Mahoney,	142
*J. K. Knox,	115		

That the interest of the caucus was centered in the principal offices is shown by the figures, many of those who took part voting only for selectmen, assessors, tax collector and constables, ignoring the balance of the ticket.

Electric Mail Service to Monson.

President Grosvenor of the street railway company received notice from Washington Saturday night that the company had been awarded a contract for carrying mails between Palmer and Monson. Not all the mails will be carried in this way, but enough to greatly accommodate Monson people, who have been rather left out in this direction since the changes on the C. V. road. The service was begun yesterday morning. The 6 and 8 a. m. cars to Monson carry a mail, and the car leaving Monson at 2.35 p. m. brings a mail to Palmer. A hearing was had before the Legislative railroad committee on Tuesday on the petition of the road for permission to act as common carriers in the transportation of baggage, small parcels of express matter, and the mails, and the committee reported favorably on the petition.

Wilbraham House Burned.

The Wigwam Hill farmhouse in Wilbraham, about half a mile east of the village on the Monson road, owned by Henry T. Bolles, was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday morning, the blaze starting in the sitting room from a defective flue. Mr. Bolles and his family lost all of their clothing and nearly all of the furniture was burned, the loss being from $5000 to $6000, insured. This farm was formerly owned by Plinney Merrick and was one of the old landmarks of the town. It was also the site of Wilbraham's first church.

"Taxpayer" Defends Present Selectmen.

Editor Palmer Journal:—I want an opportunity to express my opinion in the columns of your paper of the election that comes next Monday. I won't try to talk about issues, because I can't see that there are any except perhaps whether the town will vote yes or no on the license question. About the selectmen lots of things are being said which I don't believe are true. I want my fellow-citizens to think over the matter before they cross their ballots next Monday. I want to ask, what is the matter with the board of selectmen which has served the town for the past year? Haven't they been all right? If not, what have they done that's wrong and by which the town has lost? I believe that they have been careful and watchful at all times and have worked for the interest of the town, and that's the kind of men we want to have in office. The only objection I have heard against them is that they didn't give certain persons a license to sell rum; that seems to be all that anyone has against them. And I don't believe that most voters care who have the licenses, or consider the granting of a license by the present board any cause for a change of selectmen. A great deal of hustling is being done by the supporters of the new board. Why? That's what I want to know. There must be something at the bottom of it all, and the voters should know it. The business of the town has been well taken care of during the past year, and two good bridges were built at a great saving to the town. A strip of state road was built which other officers had worked on for three years without result. The present board got the road and it was built while they were in office. The matter of the grade crossing changes at the Burleigh crossing has been pushed along by the present board, and plans are ready and work there will probably be started soon. The present board knows all about this matter, and can handle it better than a new board. If there are any good reasons why we should have a change of selectmen the voters ought to know them, and the new board and their friends ought to tell them. I believe in letting "good enough" alone, and shall vote for Holden, Dillon and Fuller.

TAXPAYER.

Thorndike, March 14.

Might Have Been Serious Matter.

Six boys whose ages range from 10 to 14 years, loosened the brake on a loaded coal car on the Palmer Mill siding of the C. V. track at Three Rivers last Saturday afternoon, letting the car run out upon the main track. Station Agent Cedilotte saw the car in time to flag a freight train which was approaching from the north, and the car was pulled back again without much trouble. The boys were arrested and taken before the court at Palmer Wednesday and will have a hearing next Monday, when State Agent Morton will be present.

Money in the Boy.

John Lane, the ten-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Lane of School street, was sent on an errand Wednesday and was given a quarter of a dollar wherewith to make a purchase. In his haste he swallowed the piece of money, which he had placed in his mouth. It is not expected that any serious harm will result.

Miss Vera Tryon spent Sunday with friends in Boston.

A. E. Fitch made a business trip to New York Wednesday.

W. E. Tuthill of Brown University is home for a short vacation.

Dr. G. H. Wilkins spent Sunday with his father in Milford, N. H.

D. W. Fosket left Sunday for a business trip to New York state.

Frank Dillon has returned from Brown University for a vacation.

E. B. Taylor was in Hartford, Ct., yesterday, as the guest of relatives.

The W. R. C. will hold a regular meeting this evening in Memorial Hall.

There was no session of the public schools to-day on account of the storm.

Misses Daisy and Nina Whitcomb are the guests of relatives in Springfield.

Mrs. L E. Chandler and daughter are in Boston for a visit of a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Harriet Bradway of Fosket's Mills has been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

Harry A. Schneider was the guest of relatives in Westfield on Saturday and Sunday.

The Mothers' Club met this afternoon with Mrs. D. L. Bodfish at her home on Park street.

Mrs. Roy Cummings was the guest of her father, B. F. Davis of Ware, part of this week.

Miss Margaret Carey of Haverhill has been stopping part of the week with her parents.

Mrs. F. R. Lawton has been appointed administratrix of the estate of the late F. R. Lawton.

Unclaimed letters are advertised in the post office for Mrs. K. H. Brady and Zenias H. Sikes.

Miss Lola Allen of Springfield has been the guest of J. M. Allen and Daniel Slattery this week.

D. F. Holden has sold the Bryan Rourke farm in Palmer to James J. Bennett of Springfield.

James Dewey of New York city spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. H. B. May of South Main street.

Hampden chapter, R. A. M., will hold a regular convocation next Monday evening in Masonic Hall.

G. H. Hastings entertained his Sunday school class at his pleasant street home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Harris E. Starr of Providence, R. I., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Tuthill on Pleasant street.

The physical culture class will meet Monday evening at 7.30 in the chapel of the Universalist church.

Miss Susie Coleman, who has been ill the past nine weeks at her home on Main street, is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sharpe of Springfield were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Foley the first of the week.

Mrs. Frank L. Eager of Waterbury, Ct., has been stopping at the home of F. M. Eager for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Foley and Daniel Mulvihill attended the funeral of a relative in Worcester on Sunday.

Dr. Harry Edward Siske of Winchendon made a flying visit to his parents Friday evening on State avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarbell of West Springfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hastings on Pleasant street.

Miss May Warner, employed in Holden & Sons' store at Bondsville, has been ill at her home on Park street this week.

Henry L. Holden of New York city is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Holden on North Main street.

Miss Abbie Wallis of Springfield spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of E. H. Truesdell on North Main street.

G. A. Moore, the optician, has hired the vacant store in Commercial block, formerly occupied by E. S. Brooks, the jeweler.

A special train, bearing the officials of the road on a trip of inspection, came down over the Ware River road Tuesday afternoon.

W. F. Fillmore has been appointed warden of precinct C, in place of F. A. Ruggles, who has resigned, as he is a candidate for office.

Mr. Holden, bookkeeper for E. A. Buck & Co, has moved his family into the upper tenement in John Smith's house on Pine street.

A cinder walk from the epileptic hospital buildings along Commercial street to the river has been completed this week; it was begun last fall.

A. O. Allen, who has been seriously ill at his home on Church street, is much better and has gone to Ames, N. Y., for a visit with his daughter.

The Woman's Tuesday Club will hold its regular weekly meeting at the home of Mrs. S. H. Hellyar on Thorndike street next Tuesday afternoon.

The Men's class at St. Paul's church will consider on Sunday "What right has land, capital, labor and management in the value of articles produced?"

An advertisement of the Wilbraham Novelty Company in another column offers a choice of several articles free in return for a little work easily done.

There will be a union temperance meeting of the Baptist, Universalist and Congregational churches in the latter church at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

Michael Grady was arrested for drunkenness again Saturday, and was assessed a fine of $10, which he paid, as well as furnishing bonds to keep the peace for 30 days.

Harris Berman, the clothing dealer, has an advertisement of his spring goods in another column which will be attractive to his numerous customers in this vicinity.

A number of Palmer people attended the social at the Congregational church in Monson Tuesday evening. Mrs. Rufus Flynt of this town rendered several vocal selections.

The Palmer Business and Social Club will hold a ladies' night next Tuesday, when the rooms of the club will be open to members and their lady friends. Refreshments will be served.

Rev. C. C. Conner of Monson will preach the third in the series of Lenten services next Thursday night in the Universalist church. All are invited to attend the services, as they are interesting.

Mr. Oakes of Worcester, superintendent at the wire mill, has rented the vacant tenement in the house of G. H. Hastings on Central street, and will occupy the same about the first of April.

Miss Genevra Clark, teacher of Latin and Greek at the Palmer high school, has been unable to attend to her duties this week owing to illness, and her place has been filled by Miss Mary Cook of South Hadley.

E. H. Rollins was in town Tuesday and Wednesday, en route for Hartford and his new position with the electric company of that place. He has been in Vermont, and reported five feet of snow on a level there, with 15° below zero.

The Business and Social Club is contemplating holding a minstrel show, and has appointed E. W. Carpenter, H. W. Holbrook, A. B. C. Deming, W. E. McDonald, A. C. Thompson and D. F. Dillon a committee to consider the matter.

The board of registrars met in the library building on Saturday afternoon and evening and added 40 names to the voting lists. The total registration of the last four meetings of the board has been 68, nine at Three Rivers, three at Bondsville, 16 at Thorndike and 40 at Palmer.

The demonstration of wool soap at J. F. Foley's will continue this evening, and all day to-morrow. A purchase of 25 cents worth of soap entitles the purchaser to a guess on the number of cakes of soap in the pyramid in the window, the successful guesser to get two dollars' worth of soap free.

The supper of the ladies of the Congregational church Wednesday evening was well attended. A musical entertainment was given and a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Norcross of Monson, Mrs. Rufus Flynt and H. W. McGregory of Palmer rendered some selections which were well received.

A deer was seen at Foskit's Mills about noon last Friday. It came close to the house of D. W. Foskit, and was crossing the road to the house of C. A. Adams when the latter's dog caught sight of it and scared it off. The passengers on the 10.30 car to Three Rivers Tuesday morning also saw one at the Forest Lake junction.

Rev. O. G. Petrie of the Universalist church has been granted a vacation of three months by his parishoners. Rev. Mr. Petrie will occupy his pulpit at the Sunday morning service, but there will be no vesper service in the evening, owing to the union meeting in the Congregational church scheduled for Sunday night.

Cyrus W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, will give an oyster supper and dance next Thursday evening. Supper will be served from 6 to 8. A number of camps in the surrounding towns have been invited, and the affair promises to be a success. The supper and dance are public. The members of the local camp will be in uniform.

Alfred Brewster of Wibraham Mountain in the town of Monson, was before the district court Saturday charged with cruelty to his stock in failing to provide proper food. One horse was reported so starved that it could not get up. He promised to properly feed his animals and the case was continued pending his action in the matter.

The funeral of Ellis Dodge was held at his late home on Park street Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. O G. Petrie being the officiating clergyman. The funeral was in charge of the Masons. The bearers were C. E. Fuller, G. A. Bills, J. H. Gamwell, J. W. Brainerd, Joseph Page and J. A. Hawkes. The burial was in the Thorndike-street cemetery.

The weather bureau bulletined a heavy snow storm for last night, and it came. The snow wasn't so heavy when it landed here, for there was only about six inches of it, but the rain which followed has filled it with water and made traveling about as disagreeable as could be imagined. The streets and sidewalks are all slush, and water is running freely everywhere.

The town of Blackstone has just sent the overseers of the poor $18 in payment of the funeral expenses of Thomas J. McDermott, who was found dead in bed at Barton's lodging house a few weeks ago. The authorities of Blackstone were notified of his death, but as they took no action in the matter a bill was sent them, which resulted in the overseers receiving a check for the above amount.

The Palmer Rod and Gun Club elected these officers Tuesday evening: President, Dr. S. B. Keith of Palmer; vice president, E. L. Wales of Monson; secretary and treasurer, F. L. Gunn of Palmer. The competitive shoots for places on the team to represent the club in the league shoots will be held soon. A cup has been selected as the team trophy for the league winner, and gold badges for the individual men of the winning team.

The attendants and officers of the Massachusetts hospital for epileptics were very pleasantly entertained at the employes' cottage Tuesday evening by Miss Carrie Sylvester in honor of her 24th birthday. In behalf of the male attendents Miss McCaughan presented Miss Sylvester with a diamond ring, and on behalf of the female attendants Mr. Williams presented her with a silver cake basket. Part of the evening was spent in a very pleasing manner at the whist tables, after which refreshments were served.

The death of Rev. Terrance M. Smith at his parochial residence in Pittsfield Saturday morning was the cause of much regret to the older residents of the town, who will remember him as a former assistant at St. Thomas's church during the pastorate of Rev. Father Lynch, now of Thorndike. After being ordained in 1875 he was sent to this place, where he remained about a year. He was a man of large stature and commanding presence, and was known to his parishoners as a kind hearted noble Christian man, endearing himself to them by his many generous and charitable acts. Though here but a comparatively short time his departure was much regretted.

THORNDIKE.

There will be a hot basketball game tomorrow night between the Wares and the Thorndikes, the first of a series of three for the championship of the two towns. Each team is determined to win, and will play for all it is worth.

THREE RIVERS.

Mrs. J. C. Boulay is visiting at her former home in Webster.

E. F. Shaw and R. C. Newell spent part of the week in Boston.

Miss Nettie Trickett is suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

Dr. C. H. Giroux of Springfield is to open an office in Three Rivers.

Peter Chabbot and Zephir LaCoste have been visiting in Webster this week.

James, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bengle, died of pneumonia Tuesday.

Herbert Barker of the Hartford Theological Seminary is home for the spring vacation.

Jeremiah Horan is preparing to build an addition to his house on the Belchertown road.

John H. Proctor of South Manchester, Ct., visited friends in this place the last of last week.

The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor of the Union church gave a reception to parents and friends in the church vestry Tuesday evening.

Three Rivers Boy in the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holt have received a letter from their son, Thomas, who is now a member of Co. B. 46th U. S. V., stationed at Silang, Philippine Islands. He arrived at Manila Bay the fourteenth of December and landed the twentieth. While at Manila he saw 1300 former Spanish prisoners leave for Spain. He has had a number of exciting adventures and been fired upon a number of times. He does not seem to be greatly impressed with the bravery or the markmanship of the Filipinos. The greatest trouble is that they run before one can get a shot at them. He is in good health, although somewhat reduced in weight. The work is not hard, although the marches are difficult because of the great number of hills. While at San Redro he met Eugene Moore of Co. H. 21st U. S. V., who is also a Three Rivers boy.

BONDSVILLE.

Arthur Lee is quite ill.

A little Coto child has the scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moulton spent Sunday in Barre.

Dr. Ames Slate of North Dana was in town Saturday.

Mr. Duncan of Monson visited with J. T. Prosser Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Darling were in Boston over Sunday.

Miss Nellie Moynahan visited friends in Springfield Tuesday.

Charles Shumway has opened a carriage paint shop at Monson.

Mrs. Louis Parent of Northampton visited Monday at O A. Parent's.

Miss Grace Taylor left town Thursday to visit in Boston and vicinity.

Class meeting next Monday evening at A. M. Bond's in Thorndike.

The King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. B. A. Alexander Monday evening.

Mrs. Walter Hall of West Warren visited relatives in Bondsville Wednesday.

Abraham Murdock has received two shocks and is in a very low condition.

The Methodist parsonage was fumigated Tuesday after nine weeks' quarantine.

Miss Lena Dustin has gone to Lowell to work in the Shawknit stocking factory.

There will be an official board meeting at the Methodist church Tuesday evening.

E. E. Ryther commenced work as boss painter for the Boston Duck Co. Monday.

Miss Myrtie Freeman of Boston was the guest of Miss Alice Merrifield over Sunday.

Miss Bessie Alexander has recovered from her recent illness and is able to be out again.

Misses Maggie Ferrister and Abbie Lusty spent Saturday and Sunday in Chicopee Falls.

A. J. Martin of Norwich, Ct., has taken a position with the Boston Duck Co. as yardmaster.

There will be a meeting of the Junior League at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

John Cavan of Worcester, Miss Katharine Cavan and William Cavan of Holyoke spent Sunday at James Griffin's.

At the Methodist church Sunday morning there will be a prayer meeting at 9.30. The pastor will take for his subject at the regular preaching service, "No license righteously considered."

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactoryior money refunded.

C. A. LeGro, Palmer. O. P. Allen, Palmer
Fred M. Royce, Wales. G. L. Keeney, Monson
G. H. Stratton, Monson.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Converse avenue. 47-tf Inquire of W. W. LEACH, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—Pure blood Buff Cochin cockerels and pullets. L. E. CHANDLER, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—The farm, stock, farming utensels, etc., of the late L. L. Squier, located in the west part of Monson. 50-3

FOR SALE.—Extra large double bed and dressing table; in good condition. Will sell cheap for cash. M. SCOTT FRENCH, Palmer. 41-tf

TO RENT.—Two 6-room tenements in Cross Block. Inquire of F. F. MARCY or D. L. BODFISH.

FOR SALE.—Oak writing desk, lounge, easy chairs, center table, oak chamber set. 49-tf Inquire at LEGRO'S DRUG STORE.

LOST.—In Palmer, a Ladies' small black watch; initials on back, "M. S. P." Finder please leave at JOURNAL office. C. L. PECK.

WANTED.—Sewers on straw hats. Steady work till July. Harvest prices advanced. Fare paid to Amherst. Apply at once to 50-1 GEO. B. BURNETT & SON, Amherst, Mass.

TO RENT in Three Rivers, a good house, formerly owned by Louis F. Hubert. Grand chance to keep hens. 31-tf D. F. HOLDEN, Palmer, Mass.

WANTED.—20 stitchers on W. & G. straw machines immediately. Good pay and steady work. THE H. W. GOODMAN CO., 50-2 North Dana, Mass.

TO RENT.—Tenement of 7 rooms on Central street. Furnace heat, both hot and cold water, desirable location. Inquire of 32-tf H. W. McGREGORY, Palmer.

WANTED TO RENT.—A furnished house in Monson, spring and summer 1900. Must be in good sanitary condition, with yard. Address, stating location, water supply and drainage, with number of rooms, JAMES TUFTS, Monson.

Mrs. Ida Grenier,
GENERAL TRAINED NURSE,
Three Rivers, Mass., at residence Dr. Fournier. Telephone 2-4.

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Men's Storm Rubbers, light weight, Derby toe, sizes 8 to 11, **60c**

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Infants' Soft Sole Shoes, lace, daintily made, in blue, pink, white, tan, black.

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Near Post Office.
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Look at our new line of

LACES, RIBBONS, STOCKS, Tuckings, Puffings, and Curtain Muslins.

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Money deposited on or before Tuesday, April 3d, will commence interest from April 1st.

BANKING HOURS:
9 a. m. to 3 p. m.
Saturday, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
Friday Evening, 7.30 to 9.

H. W. McGREGORY, Treasurer.

TOWN OF PALMER.
TOWN WARRANT.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—
HAMPDEN ss.

To Thomas J. Conroy, Constable of the town of Palmer. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all of the inhabitants of the town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the selectmen to wit: In Precinct A at the Engine House on Park street in the Depot Village; in Precinct B at Columbian Rand room in Exchange Block on Commercial street in Thorndike; in Precinct C at Ruggles Hall on East Main street in Three Rivers; in Precinct D at Liberty Hall on Main street in Bondsville, on Monday, the 19th day of March, A. D., 1900, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town for the following town officers, to wit: Three Selectmen, three Assessors, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, a Tax Collector, two Auditors, five Constables, and three Fence Viewers, all for the term of one year; one Overseer of the Poor for the term of three years; two members of the School Committee for the term of three years; one member of the Board of Health for the term of three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for the term of three years; also to vote by ballot, which shall be Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be open at 6 o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town House at Four Corners, in said Palmer, on Monday, the 2d day of April, A. D., 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose two or more Field Drivers, Measurers of Wood and Bark, and all other usual town officers.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to hire the present tramp room and lockup.

ART. 4. To act on the reports of the town officers.

ART. 5. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money not to be paid from the taxes of the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To hear and act on reports of committees.

ART. 9. To choose committees and give them instructions.

ART. 10. To see if the town will allow a discount and determine what interest shall be paid on the taxes to be assessed for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes.

ART. 12. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 14. To act on the list of Jurors as prepared by the selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the Young Men's Library Association.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools, and instruct the School Committee as to the manner of letting the contract for such conveyance.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the celebration of Memorial Day.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting the streets, and whether it will authorize the selectmen to make contract therefor.

ART. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain, and intrust the same to L. L. Merrick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, under the provisions of Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1885.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to maintain night police in the several villages and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalks.

ART. 23. To see if the town will make an appropriation for care and improvement of cemeteries.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise the sum of three hundred dollars and appropriate the same for the purpose of repairing the plastering and frescoing in Memorial Hall.

ART. 25. To see what action the town will take to provide for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks within the limits of the highways or town ways in the town, and whether it will adopt any by-laws in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to change the watering-trough at Bondsville, from its present location to the opposite side of the street, and make the necessary connections.

ART. 27. To see if the town will appropriate a sum sufficient to place a marker of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the grave of each Revolutionary Soldier and Sailor buried in this town, the expense not to exceed one dollar each.

ART. 28. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to lower the grade of Willow street leading from Park street to Sumner Blodgett's house.

ART. 29. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to build the road as laid out by them from Willow street to School street, known as "Dewey Hill" road.

ART. 30. To see if the town will raise $620 to pay land damages awarded by the County Commissioners for changes on Commercial street, Thorndike.

ART. 31. To see what action the town will take in matter of claim of the Palmer Water Company for expense of changing their water main in Depot Village to avoid the new sewer.

ART. 32. To see what action the town will take in matter of suit of Mary Moran, now pending against the town.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to build a culvert and raise the highway between house of B. F. Emery and Whipple's bridge.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to establish evening schools and raise the sum of $500 therefor.

ART. 35. To see if the town will raise the sum of $100 to be expended by the selectmen in building bicycle paths.

ART. 36. To see what action the town will take to increase the school accommodations at the Depot village, and whether it will vote to build a new schoolhouse, and raise money for the same.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $1500 to purchase a new hearse.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to have a sewer three feet in diameter extending from Central street westerly through Main street to Commercial street, and thence southerly through Commercial street to the river, of sufficient depth through Main street to drain cellars, and in addition to present sewer.

ART. 39. To see if the town will vote to issue bonds sufficient in amount to meet the expense of necessary increased school accommodations.

ART. 40. To see what action the town will take in reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees.

ART. 41. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer on Foster Avenue in the Depot Village, from a point about 200 feet east of Knox street, running to and connecting with the Knox street sewer, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 42. To see if the town will vote to straighten the sidewalks from a point near St. Bartholomew's church to a point near B. D. Parson's house on Main street in Bondsville.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by the vote of the town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the PALMER JOURNAL, at least two issues before holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of March, A. D., 1900.

M. J. DILLON, CHAS. L. HOLDEN, } Selectmen of Palmer.

A true copy. Attest:
THOMAS J. CONROY,
49-2 Constable of Palmer.

If your buildings are not insured,
If your insurance has nearly expired,
Come and see me.

I will place your property in the best of companies.

I am also agent for the

Travelers' Insurance Co., of Hartford.

Take out an accident policy.

If you should get hurt they will take care of you.

. . . . Collections a Specialty. . . . .

Calvin W. Hastings,
Office with T. W. Kenefick. Telephone Call, 13-21.
Lynde's Block, Palmer.

NOTICE.

Having moved my wood yard and fitted up with large Storage Sheds, supplied with steam heat, I am now prepared to furnish the public with a fine quality of

Forbes & Wallace.

Springfield, March, 1900.

Beautiful New Spring Silks.

The entire New range of Spring and Summer Silk beauty is proudly spread out here to greet you, and it is a sight worth coming miles to see. Look down the whole stretch of counter and note each novelty.

Many fine styles are here that won't be later on; for the choicest things are picked out first and very often cannot be duplicated.

Among other things you will see:

This Lace Effect Novelty from Paris, satin striped, comes in several colorings,

$1 per yd.

This Narrow-Striped and Polka-Dotted Taffeta Silk, in new spring colorings,

$1 per yd.

Cheney's Best India Foulards, wide variety of spring and summer patterns, 24 inches wide,

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This Corded Novelty, resembling Bedford cord, very fetching designs,

$1.25 per yd.

This French Taffeta Plisse, charming new weaves, exquisite colorings,

$1.25 per yd.

This French Novelty Plisse Effect, corded and brocaded, wide variety of shadings,

$1.50 per yd.

This Brocaded Marvieilleux—as aristocratic as you'd think it from the name, beautiful colorings, wide satin stripes,

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This Fancy Corded Novelty, in exquisite evening shadings,

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The Lenox Bicycles for 1900 Are Ready

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The 1900 Lenox are by far the best yet. They are scientifically correct, and handsome as a "two-years-old." Material is of the best. Tires guaranteed. Equal to any wheel on the market, and the price—only—

Twenty-five Dollars.

All models—women's and men's—only $25.

Forbes & Wallace,

Main, Vernon and Pynchon Streets,

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

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To find the best coffee in this country a woman needs only two qualties. She can use a dozen, but she can do it on only two. They are Intelligence and Courage.

Ten women have intelligence and no courage where one has courage and no intelligence. Courage is really what the average woman needs if she wants coffee way up in G.

Now it doesn't require much courage to buy a pound of Chase & Sanborn's High Grade Coffee if you set about it right. The grocer will give it to you in a parchment-lined bag with our seal and signature attesting its high quality. You have really only to drink it.

Even here you run no risk. The man who ate the first oyster took terrible chances. But the only chance you will take is the probability that never again will you be willing to drink any other kind of coffee.

Even then, you will thank us. Ask your grocer for a pound of this coffee to-day.

Millinery Openings

Wednesday, Thursday, March 21 and 22.

Superb display of Parisian Pattern Hats, Bonnets and Toques.

... As well as our own renowned ...

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A cordial invitation to all.

Respectfully

S. Levison,

The Leading Millinery House.

350 Main Street, Springfield, Mass.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Frank R. Lawton, late of Palmer, in the County of Hampden, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payments to

ABBIE J. LAWTON, Adm.

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Palmer, Mass., March 10th, 1900.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 16, 1900.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

Death of a Former Monson Man.

Deacon DeEstang Salisbury Field, formerly of Monson, died at the home of his son in Los Angeles, Cal., last week Wednesday, death being due to pneumonia. Deacon Field was born in Leverett August 24, 1813, and married Miss Editha Crocker of Amherst May 21, 1835; she died in Monson January 17, 1888. The couple had two children, Carrie F., who married Dr. George E. Fuller and who died in 1891, and Edward S. of Los Angeles, Cal. Deacon and Mrs. Field came to Monson in 1877; for a year they were with the late Mrs. Porter, and then two years at the Lyon place while Mrs. Lyon and her daughter were in Europe. They afterward bought the Dr. McKinstry homestead and lived there until Mrs. Field died. Deacon Field then went to live at Dr. Fuller's and remained there until 1895, since which time he has lived with his son. Deacon Field was for many years of his early life in the dry goods business in Amherst. Later he was in charge of the Five Points House of Industry and still later the Working Woman's Home of New York, and was offered by A. T. Stewart the position of manager of the present Fourth Avenue Hotel, which was erected by Mr. Stewart as a boarding place for the working women of New York. Deacon Field was a member of the Monson Congregational church and a consistent Christian; he had a kindly heart and a kindly word for everyone.

Suggestion for Elecoric Road Extension at South Monson.

In connection with the petition of South Monson people to have the electric car tracks extended to the Wales road, and the desire of the Ellis and Branch village people to have the cars run near the South Monson station, comes the suggestion that a loop taking in both villages might be built. There is a prospect that at the coming town meeting the voters will be asked to replace the bridge at the Reynolds mill with a granite arch structure, the expense to be shared by the town and the street railway company. The present structure is considered unsafe by many who think that it would be poor economy to repair it; others think it will do for a while yet, and the matter will very likely create considerable discussion in the town meeting. President Grosvenor of the street railway company was in town Wednesday looking over the matter.

North Monson School to be Closed and New Room at No. 8 Opened.

A special meeting of the school board was held last Friday evening, at which it was voted to open the third room at No. 8, which was closed last spring, Miss Lillian G Duncan will be the teacher. This will accommodate the 1st and 2d grades. Miss Katherine Sutcliffe will have the 3d and 4th grades, Miss M. Esther Keep will have the East Hill school, which has been taught by Miss Duncan, and the North Monson school will be closed by request of all the parents; the children will be transported to the Center by means of the electric cars, which will be a saving of expense. Miss Lizzie Curley is transferred to the Pease district, and Miss Chella B. Davis from the Pease to State Line. All schools will be opened March 26 for 12 weeks.

Electric Car Mail Service.

The electric car mail service began yesterday morning, and will prove a great accommodation to Monson people. The car arriving from Palmer at 6 25 brings the Springfield papers and mail from New York, Springfield, the West and Boston. This mail will not be open however until about 7 o'clock. While the rules do not require the post office to be open until 7, as a matter of fact it usually is open at 6 45 by courtesy of the postmaster. The 8 25 car brings more mail and the Boston papers. The 2 35 p. m. car to Palmer carries a mail. This mail closes at 2 25. This also will be a great accommodation to many, as no mail has heretofore left Monson in the early afternoon.

Academy Prize Speaking Contest.

The Monson Academy annual prize speaking contest was held last Friday evening in Memorial Hall. There were probably more that 600 present, a number coming from Palmer. The speaking and music were good, and the prizes were awarded as follows: First prizes, Miss Freida Rand and Nicholas E. Peieff; second prizes, Miss Helen M. Moulton and Walter H. Ballard. The judges were C. A. Brodeur, superintendent of schools, Chicopee, Rev. Charles Olmstead of Three Rivers and Dr. Everett Flood.

Better Street Conditions on Sundays.

Officer Sault patrolled Main street Sunday in the interests of law and order. This is the natural outcome of the frequent complaints from the churches and from those who had occasion to pass Merchants' Row that tobacco juice, profanity and general vileness issued from the mouths of the loafers at these points. It will be remembered that warning was given through the JOURNAL some time ago, that a stop would be put to this rowdyism. Selectman Norcross feels that it has gone on long enough.

Child Scalded.

James, the 15 months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. James Fergerson of South Monson, tipped over a pan of boiling water Tuesday morning and severely scalded his face and chest, but will come out of it all right probably. Mr. and Mrs. Fergerson formerly lived at the Branch, but moved to Warren when the mill shut down and have just returned to town.

Mrs. A. D. Norcross is to sing in Marion this evening.

Miss Smith's private school will open Monday, the 26th.

Mrs. Jacob Rogers has had an attack of the grippe this week.

Miss Shepard of Andover is the guest of Mrs. A. D. Norcross.

Mrs. Levi Peck is convalescent from a severe attack of the grippe.

Mr. Smith of Stafford Springs spent Sunday with T. L Cushman.

Miss Helen M. Pease of Smith College spent Sunday at her Monson home.

Mrs. Lorenzo Hutchinson has spent the week with her son, Dr. A. T. Robinson.

Day Spring lodge of Masons initiated one candidate at the meeting Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Chickering of Pittsfield, formerly of Monson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. L. Wales.

Miss Lizzie Williams is spending the week in New York, attending the millinery openings.

Edward F. Cushman of Gilbertville spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cushman.

Robert Murphy has been ill with grippe at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bacon, the past week.

Miss Alice Parke was quite sick with the grippe the early part of the week, but is much better.

Mrs. Mary L. Burt leaves next Tuesday for a trip South. She expects to be gone several weeks.

Mrs. W. S. Best of Brookline has been spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Squier.

Rev. C. C. Conner will preach in Warren next Wednesday evening, and in Palmer next Thursday evening.

Edgar Squier, with his wood-sawing machine, has been paying visits to a number of village yards this week.

Rev. F. M. Bissell of Springfield will speak next Tuesday evening in the Lenten service at the Universalist church.

Miss Blanche Cushman, who is attending Miss Burnham's school at Dana Hall Wellesley was home over Sunday.

Mrs. Reynolds of Norwich, Ct., formerly of Monson, has visited Mrs. F. E. Fairbanks of North Main street this week.

C. A. Sweet is cutting wood and getting out ties from the Stanton farm, recently purchased by him from the King heirs.

Monson lodge of Odd Fellows will give a social in Odd Fellows hall next Monday evening, to which members' families are invited.

William Horton succeeds William Pease, who recently resigned, as sexton of the Congregational church. He begins his duties April 1st.

Fred Gould, whose hand was badly hurt in the cards at the Branch two weeks ago, is getting well and will have the use of his hand in time.

C. M. Gage gave an interesting and instructive talk to the Epworth Leaguers Monday evening on matters pertaining to the Legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ricketts, who are spending the winter in Boston, were in town from Saturday to Tuesday. Mr. Ricketts's health is much improved.

The speaker at the Universalist church last evening was Rev. C. G. Miller of Warren; next Thursday evening Rev. F. M. Bissell of Springfield will preach.

Rev. C. C. Conner will speak in the Universalist church Sunday morning on "Thought for others." Subject of the Christian Union at 6 o'clock, "Help from within and from without."

The King's Daughters will hold a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Willard Nelson at South Monson to-morrow evening, and the sewing circle connected with this organization will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. C A. Bradway.

The last entertainment of the Academy course comes this evening and should be a good one. The Alpha Mandolin and Guitar Club of Springfield, assisted by Miss Edith Louise Pratt of New York, will give a concert in Academy chapel at 8 o'clock.

W. S Nason has sold to William Holloway the tea business which he recently purchased of E J. Hughes. Mr. Nason has decided not to move his family into the Noble block, but has rented a tenement in the Bartlett house on Green street. Mr. Holloway has sold the cigar and tobacco stock in his store to F. S. Chapman.

The subject of the address given last evening at the Congregational church by John B. Koehne was, "The Gentile religions." Next Thursday evening Mr. Koehne will speak on "Judaism," and should have a large audience. He is a good speaker. The invitation for the service at the church next Sunday evening is, "Come for wisdom."

Mrs. Emily J. Green of Cushman street was paid a surprise visit by several of her friends last Saturday afternoon, the occasion being her birthday. The ladies carried a bountiful supply of good things to eat and had "tea" in the good old-fashioned way. The only out-of-town guest was Mrs. Green's niece, Mrs. Howard B. Chapin of Springfield.

Comparatively few people realize what a flourishing industry has been established by Messrs. Frank and Dwight Peck in the pickling line in the past two or three years. Their father's farm near Cedar Swamp furnished apples for cider vinegar, and there they raise cucumbers and horse radish, which they prepare and sell from house to house.

For the Republican caucus next Thursday evening the voters are laying their wires. There will be no road commissioner to scrap over, as it was voted at the last election to abolish that office at the close of this town year. Petitions are being or have been circulated in behalf of candidates for various offices. Among them, for selectmen, are: members of the present board and Ralph Clifford; for school committee, W. L. Ricketts and R. S. Stebbins; constable, C. H. Wright.

The social in the Congregational church Tuesday evening was an exceptionally pleasant affair. There was a large attendance, including a party of Palmer people. The entertainment was held in the chapel and was much enjoyed. A quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Norcross, Mrs. Rufus Flynt and Mr. McGregory of Palmer, sang twice, and each member of the quartette sang solos. Misses Frieda Rand and Martha Anderson gave recitations, and Rufus Flynt of Palmer gave a violin solo. Miss Della Holbrook of Palmer and Miss Bessie Taylor were the accompanists. The entertainment was under the direction of Miss Wales.

Howe J. Grant died of consumption last week at Guysboro, N. S., after a long illness. Mr. Grant and his family were residents of Monson for a number of years, Mr. Grant being employed by the Flynt Granite Co., as long as his health permitted him to work. He was among the first patients admitted to the Rutland Sanitarium, and doubtless his life was prolonged by the treatment. Last fall he went to Nova Scotia, his old home. He left a wife and three children. Mrs. Grant, who is a sufferer from mental trouble is at Westboro. The two older boys, Cecil and Carl, are living in the eastern part of this state. Clinton, the youngest, is at Guysboro.

HAMPDEN.

The Young People's Agricultural Club met last Friday evening with Edward Thresher.

The Boys' Club will hold an open session in the near future, when the subject will be "Capital punishment; should it be abolished?"

Mrs. John Kenworthy, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, has so far recovered that she has gone to the home of her father, Rev. W. T. Miller in Enfield, where she will stay for several months.

LUDLOW.

Edward E. Bond, a machinist, filed a bankrupt petition in the probate court in Springfield Wednesday, the schedule showing an indebtedness of $2779, with assets of $2750 William H. Hubbard of Ludlow is the largest secured creditor, who holds a mortgage on real estate of the petitioner amounting to $2250, for the debt of the same amount. He is also the largest unsecured creditor for money borrowed, amounting to $150 The assets consist mostly of real estate in Ludlow, with water rights, valued at $2250

WALES.

Charles Sanger has bought J. H. Loudon's 4-horse team, and will do teaming for the Golden-rod mill.

The town auditors have attended to their duties this week and the reports have been sent for printing.

Misses E. and E. Lanphear have engaged an experienced milliner and will have a fine line of millinery about April 1st.

Rev. T. C. Martin of Warren commenced a series of meetings last Sunday at the M. E. church, and will continue one week.

At the close of the term of schools in the grammar department Miss Bertha Bryant resigned her position for a school in Chicopee. She has taught this school several years with marked success. She is a very thorough disciplinarian and an excellent teacher. While the school will feel her loss she has the best wishes of the community for her success in her new position.

BRIMFIELD.

John W. Morgan, who has been ill for two weeks, has been failing perceptibly every day this week.

Bert Campbell will move about April 1st, into his new home, recently owned by Horatio L Converse.

Mrs. Reynolds entertained friends from Brimfield and Wales Wednesday evening at her home in Brimfield.

The drama which was to have been given by the senior class of the Academy next Friday evening at the close of the school has had to be postponed on account of the illness of John Haley.

Miss Nellie Haley, teacher of the grammar school, is ill from the effects of the measles, but is improving. Her brothers and sisters, eight in number at home, are now down with the measles. Miss Katharine, who is at Westfield Normal School, had the disease there in the fall.

The prize speaking contest will be held in the town hall next Thursday evening. By vote of the trustees of the Academy those who take part are confined to the three lower classes, so as to relieve the seniors from the extra work. Those who will speak are Miss Helen A. Adams, John Battye, Miss May E. Hemphill, Miss Bertha E. Howes, Miss Ida R Kibbe, Miss Mary E. Maloney, Albert T. Plympton, Paul W. Smith, Everett M. Stowell, Edward S. Wells.

WARE.

Mrs. Ray Cummings of Palmer has been visiting her father, B F. Davis.

Jennie, the 11-years-old daughter of O. F. MacMahon, is ill with scarlet fever.

The Republican and Democratic caucuses will be held in the town hall this evening.

Mrs. John Humphrey of Keene, N. H., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Herbert W. Sibley.

"The Charcoal Burner" will be presented at the opera house to-morrow evening by the Hibernians.

F. P. Clark has enlarged his store by joining it with the drug store recently occupied by Abbott & Stubbs.

Henry Davis of the Hartford Theological Seminary has been spending a few days with his parents on South street.

The bicycle owned by Captain Sigsbee and which went down with the Maine is being exhibited in H. H. Turner's window.

Charles Blood of the Sheffield Scientific School has been spending several days with his parents at the Storrs House on account of illness.

A series of three games for $25 a side has been arranged between the Young Men's Union basketball team and the Thorndikes. The first game will be played in Thorndike to-morrow evening.

Gilbert Parkes, employed by the Otis Company, had his face painfully injured Tuesday afternoon by being struck with a case filled with goods. The flesh was badly cut but no bones were broken.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Mrs. J. W. Baldwin is slowly recovering from her illness.

About 150 new books are being catalogued for the public library.

Gertrude A. Chase is confined to the house with an attack of the measles.

Herbert Miller of Ludlow has bought M. P. Wright's house on Maple street.

Albert Boedeker of Springfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wall.

The Ladies' Society of Grace church will hold a meeting this evening with Mrs. A. E. Bell.

The selectmen have organized with Jason Butler chairman, Fred W. Green clerk and superintendent of roads.

Measles seem to be the epidemic in the village, a very large number of cases being in charge of the local physician.

Miss Minnie M. Morgan, Postmaster Baldwin's genial assistant, was obliged to stop work Wednesday, having succumbed to the measles.

Minnie is mourning the loss of her four cats, the last of the quartet passing away Tuesday morning. Grippe was supposed to be the cause of their demise.

Pastor Resigns.

Rev. H. B. Mason, pastor of Grace church for four years, read his resignation at the close of his sermon Sunday morning, to take effect the first of September. When about 11 years old Mr. Mason received a gunshot wound in his knee which disabled him and is the cause of his resigning.

WEST WARREN.

Miss Jessie A. Johnson of Springfield spent last Sunday at her home.

Mrs. Charles Crouch is visiting friends in Thorndike and vicinity this week.

The new scenery for Crossman's Hall has been finished and was put in place last week.

Joseph Davis and family of Thorndike spent the Sabbath with Mrs. Davis's father, Charles Crouch.

Mrs. John Mason and son, Master Robert, were guests of Mrs. James Grant and family over the Sabbath.

A carload of new machinery for the No. 4 mill arrived Saturday, and most of it has been put in place.

William Dufresne of Worcester has bought Oral Ladue's lunch and confectionery store, and will open a pool room in connection with it.

Extensive and much-needed repairs are being done on the house at No. 4 which is to be occupied soon by the superintendent's family.

Sidney Morton, station agent on the Boston and Albany railroad, had his leg badly broken below the knee last Saturday morning, by a case falling from a truck.

Rev. Frank Potter returned from the sanitarium in Springfield Monday, having had a successful operation for appendicitis, and expects to be able to attend to his work soon.

Rev. John Mason of South Hadley Falls, formerly pastor of the M. E. church here, preached and administered the communion service at the M. E. church last Sunday morning.

Several of the friends and acquaintances of John Kane, a former resident of this village, attended his funeral at the town farm last Saturday afternoon. Rev. A. L Howe of the M. E church, Warren, officiated. The burial was in Pine Grove cemetery.

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Why a man should vote "no-license"
Has been often told before;
But just listen, it won't hurt you,
If you hear it told once more.
Strong drink takes away man's senses,
Leaves himself and family poor,
Then we all should vote "no-license"
And close up the rum shop door.

See the sad heartbroken wife,
See the children almost bare;
See the cold and cheerless home,
All the cause of drinking beer.
See him drive his wife and children
Out into the cold and snow,
Then we should all vote "no-license"
When into the polls we go.

Strong drink causes many burdens
For the sober man to bear,
He has to keep the wives and children
Of the men that's drinking beer.
Then vote "no-license," be a man,
Alone like Daniel, dare to stand,
And when into the polls you go
To cast your vote, let it be "no."

If you go and vote for license,
See your family going astray,
Take the blame upon your shoulders,
Temptations you put in their way.
You may say "I'm not a drunkard,
Take a social glass, that's all,"
But my brother, let me tell you
"Social glass" is man's downfall.

Then stand up and do your duty
To your God and fellowman,
Just stretch forth the hand of kindness,
Save your brother while you can.
For you are your brother's keeper
Yes, the Bible tells you so,
So be sure and vote "no-license"
When into the polls you go.

Vote "no-license," vote "no-license,"
Do your duty, be a man;
Look out! See, the Demon's coming,
He will bribe you if he can.
Think of once bright happy lives,
That through drink are lying low,
So be sure and vote "no-license"
When into the polls you go.

SAMUEL C. ROWE.

BELCHERTOWN.

F. E. Burnett has been appointed janitor of the town house.

R. L. Bridgman has returned from his semi-annual business trip.

Miss Lucy D. Thompson left Wednesday for a visit in Providence, R. I., and Washington, D. C.

Henry R. Gould has opened a market and general grocery store at his old store in Gould's block.

Mrs. Frank Desmond of Springfield has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fairchild.

Mrs. William Burr Hill of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been spending the week with Miss Blackmer on Maple street.

Mrs. George B. Hooker, and daughter of Hinsdale, N. H., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Schofield.

An alcohol lamp being used by the chemical class at the high school exploded last Friday afternoon and caused considerable excitement. No damage was done.

Colonel Gilray, who died suddenly of apoplexy in Boston Monday, will be remembered by many Belchertown people, as he staid at the Park View last season with his niece, Miss Burgess.

Martin Aldrich, 86, died Sunday morning at his home near Mill Valley. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Loveredge, and a son, Eugene, with whom he lived. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lucy Sabin and daughters, Mrs. M. D. S Longley and Miss Laura Sabin, will occupy the Bartlett place on South Main street for the present. Mrs. Hockenbull and Miss Allen will move into their new home the first of April.

The euchre party was held at the Park View Tuesday evening and was largely attended. Mrs. Will Sanford won the first prize for women and Frank Austin the first for men. The Guild is making arrangements to give a euchre party at the hotel the 27th.

WARREN.

Mrs. John D. Rood, who has been seriously ill, is much better.

The high school track team has chosen Ralph Martin track captain.

At the last meeting of the Firemen's Relief Association it was voted to give a dance April 18

H. O Durant has gone to Groveton, N. H., where he is erecting an engine for the Slater Engine Company.

Mrs. Hobart K. Whitaker of Brattleboro has been the guest of her mother on Crescent street part of the week.

About 50 of Rev. C. G. Miller's parishioners gave him a donation party at the parsonage last Friday evening.

John Kane, 74, an inmate of the town farm, died last Friday. The funeral was held Saturday with burial in Pine Grove cemetery.

Members of the Grange gave Mrs. C. A. Metcalf a surprise party at her home last Friday evening and presented her with a gold ring and pin.

The body of William Batchelder, son of George W. Batchelder of East Cambridge, formerly of Warren, was brought here last Saturday for burial.

Charles H. Washburn is seriously ill with Bright's disease and heart complications, and on account of his advanced age his recovery is not expected.

Three car loads of new machinery imported directly from England arrived Wednesday for the No. 4 mill. This machinery is different from anything in western Worcester.

"Hunting for Hawkins" will be presented in the town hall the 30th by the Amherst Senior Dramatic Association. This will be the last entertainment in the Citizens' lecture course.

Dwight F. Orcutt, 58, died Wednesday afternoon at his home on Main street Mr. Orcutt was an engineer on the Boston & Albany railroad for 11 years and had lived in Warren most of his life. After leaving the railroad he conducted a jewelry repair business until his death. He was twice married and leaves a widow, three daughters and two sons.

At the annual meeting of the Library Association Monday evening these officers were elected: President, W. H. Fairbanks; clerk, J. G. Hastings; treasurer, J. G. Hastings; directors, W. H. Fairbanks, W. A. Jenks, Edward Fairbanks, G. A. Shumway, C. N. Shepard, F. E. Gleason, Dr. C. A. Deland, J. G. Hastings, W. P. Canning, Mrs. J. N. Hitchcock, Miss Edith W. Chadsey; librarian, J. G. Hastings.

CARD OF THANKS.—To the many friends who by word and deed have been such help and comfort during my recent bereavement I wish to express my heartfelt thanks.

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To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Jonathan P. Webber, late of Brimfield, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Charles M. Webber of Monson and Fred M. Webber of Palmer, both in said County, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, on the fourth day of April, A. D. 1900, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L. LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

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VIOLIN AND . . . . PIANO LESSONS given by JULIA A. ALLEN, PALMER.

About European Palaces.

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royal chapel, used on special occasions, such as New Year's, the Kaiser's birthday, and royal festivals. It is built in octagonal form, of marble in many colors, and produces a strange effect. Within the high dome run two galleries where the cathedral choir has its stand. One can imagine the grand effect of exquisite music floated down from that lofty height. The walls are adorned with striking frescoes of apostles, prophets

Ascending a stairway, we entered the and saints, that must be an interesting study to little princes who may grow weary of the service, even though they sit on gilded chairs richly upholstered. On leaving the chapel we were shown down some back stairs and below bade adieu to the courteous guide. He looked worn from his work of going the same round and repeating the same story time after time, day after day. We could hardly wonder, for it is not an easy hour even for the visitor.

The palace in Charlottenburg was built at the close of the 17th century for the wife of Friedrich I, and the town received its name from her. To-day one hardly knows where Berlin ends and Charlottenburg begins, so completely have they grown together. This palace is not high, but it stretches out at considerable length. The central portion rises to two stories and bears aloft a clock tower, more recent wings of one story project on each side. Within there is a fine vista through a long range of rooms. Here is found much Chinese and Japanese porcelain, which was presented to Queen Charlotte by English merchants. Near the palace lies a large park left largely in natural beauty. At some distance from the palace, but connected by magnificent avenues through the wood, stands the mausoleum containing the remains of the much loved Kaiser Wilhelm I, his wife and his royal parents, with recumbent figures of the four, finely executed in Carrara marble.

An entire day is needed to make the trip to Potsdam 16 miles away, where are other royal residences, but no visitor regrets the time spent. To give in detail the attractions of each palace would take many pages. Babelsburg, the favorite home of Wilhelm I, especially pleased me. It lies surrounded by a large grove, with broad lawn sloping to the little rivel Havel. I saw the place in its autumn glory, when on every side gold and brown blended harmoniously with the rich green of the lichen-covered tree trunks. Its quiet charm was like a spell. The palace is more home-like than any other I have seen. The rooms are not large and are tastefully furnished. Sometimes a mirror at the end of a hallway seems to repeat and extend the rooms at hand. Again through large windows one looks out on porch and lawn that seem a continuous and essential part of the palace. His study is left as the good Kaiser himself used it, with treasures of gift and collection spread out under a glass case, and books lying on the table showing use. In his bedroom are specimens of his queen's handiwork, and of his son's skill in woodcraft. The most elegant room is the music hall, a rotunda, with gallery opening from the rooms in the second story, which must have afforded excellent view of the orchestra and the dancers on festive occasions. This hall has decorations in gold and white. Another room with blue walls has a handsome ceiling finished in ornamental pendants.

Though itself but one story high, Sans Souci has the most imposing situation, on the highest of six terraces laid out with such magnificence as to make a park worthy of any king. At the foot of the terraces a fountain throws water to the height of 130 feet, and beyond in full view is a splendid statue of Frederick the Great. The palace was built by this emperor, at the close of the Seven Years' War, as a resting place, and here he died. The clock is shown that is said to have stopped at the very moment when he breathed his last. Here Voltaire spent considerable time; one room has walls curiously adorned with fruits and birds in colored bas-relief, that is said to have been fitted up by Frederick as a joke upon his friend. Not far away is the famous windmill which the old-time owner would not sell to his sovereign, and which, as he said, the emperor could not take from him because of the "Kammer Gericht," then recently instituted by Frederick himself to protect the rights of the people. This mill has since become royal property, but stands as a historic landmark.

Another palace, the Orangery, so called from the many orange trees in its extensive conservatory, contains a fine collection of copies from the old masters, 48 from Raphael alone; tho' some are more than 100 years old, the colors are wonderfully bright and fresh. In this palace are also special treasures in precious stones. The arcade porches of the Marble Palace, (the exterior is far from being true to its name and looks like red brick) have frescoes illustrating the great national epic, the Niebelungenlied. The New Palace is the chosen residence of the present Kaiser. The grounds are extensive, well kept, and, of course, well guarded by soldiers. A flag floating in the appointed place indicated that the royal family were at home on the day of our visit: but alas! that did not mean "at home" to us, and we had to content ourselves with such glimpses of the exterior as could be gained from afar. The building was new in 1769; like many others of repute, it shows the ravages of time. Its roof is adorned with so many standing figures as to suggest a party of merry makers looking down on the sober world of reality. The "palace in town"—for these others are scattered at considerable distances in the rural region—also contains reminiscences of Frederick the Great. Among the most curious is the secret cabinet, so arranged with double doors as to secure the ruler and his counsellors against outsiders and eavesdroppers. A device was provided by which the table could be lowered thro' the floor to the rooms below, and returned loaded with a royal repast. Apparently the nobility are as dependent on frequent meals as the humblest of this oft eating folk! Though rich in heirlooms, parts of this palace have quite modern furnishings, and here it was that the pretty Queen Wilhelmina was entertained during her visit last fall.

Not less interesting than the palaces, are the churches where the rulers are buried, and the museums where their treasures are guarded. Wherever one goes, one is sure to find other sightseers. Frequently some of these are from the poorer classes of society. One can hardly help wondering how the sight of such splendor impresses them. It is gratifying to know that the rulers often have regard for the true welfare of the people, and especially do Wilhelm II and his good Kaiserin Augusta Victoria hold and deserve the respect and love of their subjects. Yet, to those brought up with Republican ideas and Democratic sympathies, fixed differences in rank and privilege such as one finds in Europe are not pleasing, and especially opposed to such principles is the prevalence of the military element.

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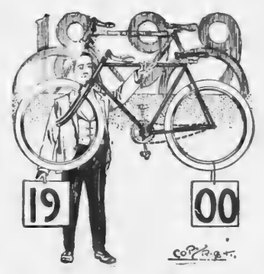

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THE CRUCIFIXION OF PHILIP STRONG.

By REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON,
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CHAPTER IX.

When Philip reached the residence of Mr. Winter, he found himself at once in the midst of a mob of howling, angry men, who surged over the lawn and tramped the light snow that was falling into a muddy mass over the walks and up the veranda steps. A large electric lamp out in the street in front of the house threw a light over the strange scene.

Philip wedged his way in among the men, crying out his name and asking for room to be made so that he could see Mr. Winter. The crowd, under the impulse which sometimes moves excited bodies of men, yielded to his request. There were cries of "Let him have a minister if he wants one!" "Room here for the priest!" "Give the preacher a chance to do some praying where it's needed mighty bad!" and so on. Philip found a way opened for him as he struggled toward the house, and he hurried forward, fearing some great trouble, but hardly prepared for what he saw when he finally reached the steps of the veranda.

Half a dozen men had the mill owner in their grasp, having evidently dragged him out of his dining room. His coat was half torn off, as if there had been a struggle. Marks of bloody fingers stained his collar. His face was white, and his eyes filled with the fear of death. Within, upon the floor, lay his wife, who had fainted. A son and a daughter, his two grown up children, clung terrified to one of the servants, who kneeled half fainting herself by the side of the mill owner's wife. A table overturned and fragments of a late dinner scattered over the sideboard and on the floor, a broken plate, the print of a muddy foot on the white tiling before the open fire—the whole picture flashed upon Philip like a scene out of the French revolution, and he almost rubbed his eyes to know if he was awake and in America in the nineteenth century. He was intensely practical, however, and the nature of his duty never for a moment escaped him. He at once advanced and said calmly:

"What does all this mean? Why this attack on Mr. Winter?"

The moment Mr. Winter saw Philip and heard his voice he cried out, trembling: "Is that you, Mr. Strong? Thank God! Save me! They are going to kill me!"

"Who talks of killing or taking human life contrary to law?" exclaimed Philip, coming up closer and placing his hand on Mr. Winter's arm. "Men, what are you doing?"

For a moment the crowd fell back a little from the mill owner, and one of the men who had been foremost in the attack replied with some respect, although in a sullen manner: "Mr. Strong, this is not a case for your interference. This man has caused the death of one of his employees, and he deserves hanging!"

"And hanging he will get!" yelled another. A great cry arose. In the midst of it all Mr. Winter shrieked out his innocence. "It is all a mistake! They do not know! Mr. Strong, tell them they do not know!"

The crowd closed around Mr. Winter again. Philip knew enough about men to know that the mill owner was in genuine danger. Most of his assailants were the foreign element in the mills. Many of them were under the influence of liquor. The situation was critical. Mr. Winter clung to Philip with the frantic clutch of a man who sees only one way of escape and clings to that with mad eagerness. Philip turned around and faced the mob. He raised his voice, hoping to gain a hearing and reason with it, but he might as well have raised his voice against a tornado. Some one threw a handful of mud and snow toward the prisoner. In an instant every hand reached for the nearest missile, and a shower of stones, muddy snowballs and limbs torn from the trees on the lawn was rained upon the house. Most of the windows in the lower story were broken. All this time Philip was eagerly remonstrating with the few men who had their hands on Mr. Winter. He thought if he could only plead with them to let the man go he could slip with him around the end of the veranda through a side door and take him through the house to a place of safety. He also knew that every minute was precious, as the police might arrive at any moment and change the situation.

But in spite of his pleas the mill owner was gradually pushed and dragged down off the veranda toward the gate. The men tried to get Philip out of the way.

"We don't want to harm you, sir. Better get out of danger," said the same man who had spoken before.

Philip for answer threw one arm about Mr. Winter, saying: "If you kill him, you will kill me with him. You shall never do this great sin against an innocent man. In the name of God, I call on every soul here to"—

But his words were drowned in the noise that followed. The mob was insane with fury. Twice Mr. Winter was dragged off his feet by those down on the walk; twice Philip raised him

"If you kill him, you will kill me."

to his feet, feeling sure that if the crowd once threw him down they would trample him to death. Once some one threw a rope over the wretched man's head. Both he and Mr. Winter were struck again and again. Their clothes were torn into tatters. Mr. Winter was faint and reeling. Only his great terror made his clutch on Philip like that of a drowning man.

At last the crowd had dragged the two outside the gate into the street. Here they paused awhile, and Philip again spoke to the mob.

"Men, made in God's image, listen to me! Do not take innocent life. If you kill him, you kill me also, for I will never leave his side alive, and I will not permit such murder if I can prevent it."

"Kill them both—the bloody coward and the priest!" yelled a voice. "They both belong to the same church."

"Yes, hang 'em! Hang 'em both!" A tempest of cries went up. Philip towered up like a giant. In the light of the street lamp he looked out over the great sea of passionate, brutal faces, crazed with drink and riot, and a great wave of compassionate feeling swept over him. Those nearest never forgot that look. It was Christlike in its yearning love for lost children. His lips moved in prayer.

And just then the outer circle of the crowd seemed agitated. It had surged up nearer the light with the evident intention of hanging the mill owner on one of the crosspieces of a telegraph pole near by. The rope had again been thrown over his head. Philip stood with one arm about Mr. Winter and with the other stretched out in entreaty, when he heard a pistol shot, then another. The entire police department had been summoned and had finally arrived. There was a skirmishing rattle of shots. But the crowd began to scatter in the neighborhood of the police force. Then those nearer Philip began to run as best they could away from the officers. Philip and the mill owner were dragged along with the rest in the growing confusion until, watching his opportunity, Philip pulled Mr. Winter behind one of the large poles by which the lights of the street were suspended.

Here, sheltered a little, but struck by many a blow, Philip managed to shield with his own body the man who only a little while before had come into his own house and called him a liar and threatened to withdraw his church support because of the preaching of Christ's principles.

When finally the officers reached the two men, Mr. Winter was nearly dead from the fright. Philip was badly bruised, but not seriously, and he helped Mr. Winter back to the house, while a few of the police remained on guard the rest of the night. It was while recovering from the effects of the night's attack that Philip little by little learned of the facts that led up to the assault.

There had been a growing feeling of discontent in all the mills, and it had finally taken shape in the Ocean mill, which was largely owned and controlled by Mr. Winter. The discontent arose from a new scale of wages submitted by the company. It was not satisfactory to the men, and the afternoon of that evening on which Philip had gone down to the hall a committee of the mill men had waited on Mr. Winter and after a long conference had gone away without getting any satisfaction. They could not agree on the proposition made by the company and by their own labor organization. Later in the day one of the committee, under instructions, went to see Mr. Winter alone and came away from the interview very much excited and angry. He spent the first part of the evening in a saloon, where he related a part of his interview with the mill owner, and said that he had finally kicked him out of the office. Still later in the evening he told several of the men that he was going to see Mr. Winter again, knowing that on certain evenings he was in the habit of staying down at the mill office until nearly half past 9 for special business. The mills were undergoing repairs, and Mr. Winter was away from home more than usual.

That was the last that any one saw of the man until, about 10 o'clock, some one going home past the mill office heard a man groaning at the foot of a new excavation at the end of the building and climbing down discovered the man who had been to see Mr. Winter twice that afternoon. He had a terrible gash in his head and lived only a few minutes after he was discovered. To the half dozen men who stood over him in the saloon, where he had been carried, he had murmured the name of "Mr. Winter" and had then expired.

A very little adds fuel to the brain of men already heated with rum and hatred. The rumor spread like lightning that the wealthy mill owner had killed one of the employees who had gone to see him peaceably and arrange matters for the men. He had thrown him out of the office into one of the new mill excavations and left him there to die like a dog in a ditch. So the story ran all through the tenement district, and in an incredibly swift time the worst elements in Milton were surging toward Mr. Winter's house with murder in their hearts and the means of accomplishing it in their hands.

Mr. Winter had finished his work at the office and gone home to sit down to a late lunch, as his custom was, when he was interrupted by the mob. The rest of the incident is connected with what has been told. The crowd seized him with little ceremony, and it was only Philip's timely arrival and his saving of minutes until the police arrived that prevented a lynching in Milton that night. As it was Mr. Winter received a scare from which it took a long time to recover. He dreaded to go out alone at night. He kept on guard a special watchman and lived in more or less terror even then. It was satisfactorily proved in a few days that the man who had gone to see Mr. Winter had never reached the office door; but, coming around the corner of the building where the new work was being done, he had fallen off the stonework, striking on a rock in such a way as to produce a fatal wound. This tempered the feeling of the workmen toward Mr. Winter, but a widespread unrest and discontent had seized on every man employed in the mills, and as the winter drew on affairs reached a crisis.

The difference between the mills and the men over the scale of wages could not be settled. The men began to talk about a strike. Philip heard of it and at once, with his usual frankness and boldness, spoke with downright plainness to the men against it. That was at the little hall a week after the attempt on Mr. Winter's life. Philip's part in that night's event had added to his reputation and his popularity with the men. They admired his courage and his grit. Most of them were ashamed of the whole affair, especially after they had sobered down and it had been proved that Mr. Winter had not touched the man. So Philip was welcomed with applause as he came out on the little platform and looked over the crowded room, seeing many faces there that had glared at him in the mob a week before. And yet his heart told him he loved these men, and his reason told him that it was the sinner and the unconverted that God loved. It was a terrible responsibility to have such men count him popular, and he prayed that wisdom might be given him in the approaching crisis, especially as he seemed to have some real influence.

He had not spoken ten words when some one by the door cried: "Come outside! Big crowd out here want to get in." It was moonlight and not very cold, so every one moved out of the hall, and Philip mounted the steps of a storehouse near by and spoke to a crowd that filled up the street in front and for a long distance right and left. His speech was very brief, but it was fortified with telling figures, and at the close he stood and answered a perfect torrent of questions. His main counsel was against a strike in the present situation. He had made himself familiar with the facts on both sides. Strikes, he argued, except in very rare cases, were demoralizing—an unhealthy, disastrous method of getting justice done.

"Why, just look at that strike in Preston, England, among the cotton spinners. There were only 660 operatives, but that strike, before it ended, threw out of employment over 7,800 weavers and other workmen who had nothing whatever to do with the quarrel of the 660 men. In the recent strike in the cotton trade in Lancashire at the end of the first 12 weeks the operatives had lost in wages alone $4,500,000. Four strikes that occurred in England between 1870 and 1880 involved a loss in wages of more than $25,000,000. In 22,000 strikes investigated lately by the national bureau of labor it is estimated that the employees lost about $51,800,000, while the employers lost only $30,700,000. Out of 353 strikes in England between 1870 and 1880 191 were lost by the strikers, 71 were gained and 91 compromised, but in the strikes that were successful it took several years to regain in wages the amount lost by the enforced idleness of the men."

There were enough hard thinking, sensible men in the audience that night to see the force of his argument. The majority, however, were in favor of a general strike to gain their point in regard to the scale of wages. When Philip went home, he carried with him the conviction that a general strike in the mills was pending. In spite of the fact that it was the worst possible season of the year for such action and in spite of the fact that the difference demanded by the men was a trifle compared with their loss of wages the very first day of idleness, there was a determination among the leaders that the 15,000 men in the mills should all go out in the course of a few days if the demands of the men in the Ocean mill were not granted.

What was the surprise of every one in Milton, therefore, the very next day when it was announced that every mill in the great system had shut down and not a man of the 15,000 laborers who marched to the buildings in the early gray of the winter morning found entrance! Statements were posted up on the doors that the mills were shut down until further notice. The mill owners had stolen a march on the employees, and the big strike was on; but it had been started by capital, not by labor, and labor went to its tenement or congregated in the saloon, sullen and gloomy, and as days went by and the mills showed no signs of opening the great army of the unemployed walked the streets of Milton in growing discontent and fast accumulating debt and poverty.

Meanwhile the trial of the man arrested for shooting Philip came on, and Philip and his wife both appeared as witnesses in the case. The man was convicted and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. It has nothing special to do with the history of Philip Strong, but may be of interest to the reader to know that in two years' time he was pardoned out and returned to Milton to open his old saloon, where he actually told more than once the story of his attempt on the preacher's life.

There came also during those stormy times in Milton the trial of several of the men who were arrested for the assault on Mr. Winter. Philip was also summoned as a witness in these cases. As always, he frankly testified to what he knew and saw. Several of the accused were convicted and sentenced to short terms. But the mill owner, probably fearing revenge on the part of the men, did not push the matter, and most of the cases went by default for lack of prosecution.

Mr. Winter's manner toward Philip underwent a change after that memorable evening when the minister stood by him at the peril of his own life. There was a feeling of genuine respect, mingled with fear, in his deportment toward Philip. To say that they were warm friends would be saying too much. Men as widely different as the minister and the wealthy mill man do not come together on that sacred ground of friendship, even when one is indebted to the other for his life. A man may save another from hanging and still be unable to save him from selfishness. And Mr. Winter went his way and Philip went his on a different basis, so far as common greeting went, but no nearer in the real thing, which makes heart to heart communion impossible. For the time being Mr. Winter's hostility was submerged under his indebtedness to Philip. He returned to his own place in the church and contributed to the financial support.

CHAPTER X.

One day at the close of a month Philip came into the cozy parsonage, and instead of going right up to his study, as his habit was when his outside work was done for the day, he threw himself down on a couch by the open fire. His wife was at work in the other room, but she came in, and, seeing him lying there, inquired what was the matter.

"Nothing, Sarah, with me. Only I'm sick at heart with the sight and knowledge of all this wicked town's sin and misery."

"Do you have to carry it all on your shoulders, Philip?"

"Yes," replied Philip almost fiercely. It was not that either. Only his reply was like a great sob of conviction that he must bear something of these burdens. He could not help it.

Mrs. Strong did not say anything for a moment. Then she asked:

"Don't you think you take it too seriously, Philip?"

"What?"

"Other people's wrongs. You are not responsible."

"Am I not? I am my brother's keeper. What quantity of guilt may I not carry into the eternal kingdom if I do not do what I can to save him! Oh, how can men be so selfish? Yet I am only one person. I cannot prevent all this suffering alone."

"Of course you cannot, Philip. You wrong yourself to take yourself to task so severely for the sins of others. But what has stirred you up so this time?" Mrs. Strong understood Philip well enough to know that some particular case had roused his feeling. He seldom yielded to such despondency without some immediate practical reason.

Philip sat up on the couch and clasped his hands over his knee with the eager earnestness that characterized him when he was roused.

"Sarah, this town slumbers on the smoking crest of a volcano. There are more than 15,000 people here in Milton out of work. A great many of them are honest, temperate people who have saved up a little. But it is nearly gone. The mills are shut down and, on the authority of men that ought to know, shut down for all winter. The same condition of affairs is true in a more or less degree in the entire state and throughout the country and even the world. People are suffering today in this town for food and clothing and fuel through no fault of their own. The same thing is true of thousands and even hundreds of thousands all over the world. It is an age that calls for heroes, martyrs, servants, saviors. And right here in this town, where distress walks the streets and actual want already has its clutch on many a poor devil, society goes on giving its expensive parties and living in its little round of selfish pleasure just as if the volcano was a downy little bed of roses for it to go to sleep in whenever it wearies of the pleasure and wishes to retire to happy dreams. Oh, but the bubble will burst one of these days, and then"—

Philip swept his hand upward with a fine gesture and sank back upon the couch, groaning.

"Don't you exaggerate?" The minister's wife put the question gently.

"Not a bit! Not a bit! All true. I am not one of the French revolution fellows, always lugging in blood and destruction and prophesying ruin to the nation and the world if it doesn't gee and haw the way I like it to. But I tell you, Sarah, it takes no prophet to see that a man who is hungry and out of work is a dangerous man to have around. And it takes no extraordinary sized heart to swell a little with righteous wrath when in such times as these people go right on with their useless luxuries of living and spend as much on a single evening's entertainment as would provide a comfortable living for a whole month to some deserving family."

"How do you know they do?"

"Well, I'll tell you. I've figured it out. I will leave it to any one of good judgment that any one of these projected parties mentioned here in the evening paper" Philip smoothed the paper on the head of the couch—"any one of them will cost in the neighborhood of $100 to $150. Look here! Here's the Goldens' party—members of Calvary church. They will spend at least $25 to $30 in flowers, and refreshments will cost $50 more, and music another $25 and incidentals $25 extra, and so on. Is that right, Sarah, these times, and as people ought to live now?"

"But some one gets the benefit of all this money spent. Surely that is a help to some of the working people."

"Yes, but how many people are helped by such expenditures? Only a select few, and they are the very ones who are least in need of it. I say that Christian people and members of churches have no right to indulge their selfish pleasures to this extent in these ways. I know that Christ would not approve of it."

"You think he would not, Philip?"

"No, I know he would not. There is not a particle of doubt in my mind about it. What right has a disciple of Jesus Christ to spend for the gratification of his physical æsthetic pleasures money which ought to be feeding the hungry bodies of men or providing some useful necessary labor for their activity? I mean, of course, the gratification of those senses which a man can live without. In this age of the world society ought to dispense with some of its accustomed pleasures and deny itself for the sake of the great suffering, needy world. Instead of that, the members of the very church of Christ on earth spend more in a single evening's entertainment for people who don't need it than they give to the salvation of men in a whole year. I protest out of the soul that God gave me against such wicked selfishness. And I will protest if society spurn me from it as a bigot, a Puritan and a boor. For society in Christian America is not Christian in this matter—no, not after the Christianity of Christ!"

"What can you do about it, Philip?" His wife asked the question sadly. She had grown old fast since coming to Milton, and a presentiment of evil would, in spite of her naturally cheery disposition, cling to her whenever she considered Philip and his work.

"I can preach on it, and I will."

"Be wise, Philip. You tread on difficult ground when you enter society's realm."

"Well, dear, I will be as wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove, although I must confess I never knew

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just exactly how much that verse meant. But preach on it I must and will."

And when the first Sunday of the month came Philip did preach on it, to the dismay of several members of his church who were in the habit of giving entertainments and card parties on a somewhat elaborate scale.

He had never preached on the subject of amusements, and he stated that he wished it to be plainly understood that he was not preaching on the subject now. It was a question which went deeper than that and took hold of the very first principles of human society. A single passage in the sermon will show the drift of it all:

"We have reached a time in the history of the world when it is the Christian duty of every man who calls himself a disciple of the Master to live on a simpler, less extravagant basis. The world has been living beyond its means. Modern civilization has been exorbitant in its demands, and every dollar foolishly spent today means suffering for some one who ought to be relieved by that money wisely expended. An entertainment given by people of means to other people of means in these hard times, in which money is lavished on flowers, food and dress, is, in my opinion, an act of which Christ would not approve. I do not mean to say that he would object to the pleasure which flowers, food and dress will give, but he would say that it is an unnecessary enjoyment and expense at this particular crisis through which we are passing. He would say that money and time should be given where people more in need of them might have the benefit. He would say that when a town is in the situation of ours today it is not a time for any selfish use for any material blessing.

"Unless I mistake the spirit of the modern Christ, if he were here he would preach to the whole world the necessity of a far simpler, less expensive style of living and, above all, actual self denial on the part of society for the brotherhood of man. What is society doing now? What sacrifice is it making? When it gives a charity ball, does it not spend twice as much in getting up the entertainment to please itself as it makes for the poor in whose behalf the ball is given? Do you think I am severe? Ask yourself, O member of Calvary church, what has been the extent of your sacrifice for the world this year before you condemn me for being too strict or particular. It is because we live in such times that the law of service presses upon us with greater insistence than ever. And now more than during any of the ages gone Christ's words ring in our ears with 20 centuries of reverberation, 'Whosoever will not deny himself and take up his cross, he cannot be my disciple.'"

Of all the sermons on Christ and modern society which Philip had thus far preached none had hit so hard or was applied so personally as this. The Goldens went home from the service in a towering rage. "That settles Calvary church for me!" said Mrs. Golden as she flung herself out of the building after the service was over. "I consider that the most insulting sermon I ever heard from any minister. It is simply outlandish, and how the church can endure such preaching much longer is a wonder to me. I don't go near it again while Mr. Strong is the minister!" Philip did not know it yet, but he was destined to find out that society carries a tremendous power in its use of the word "outlandish" applied either to persons or things.

When the evening service was over, Philip, as his habit was, lay down on the couch in front of the open fire until the day's excitement had subsided a little. It was almost the only evening in the week when he gave himself up to complete rest of mind and body.

He had been lying there about a quarter of an hour when Mrs. Strong, who had been moving a plant back from one of the front windows and had been obliged to raise a curtain, stepped back into the room with an exclamation.

"Philip, there is some one walking back and forth in front of the house! I have heard the steps ever since we came home. And just now I saw a man stop and look in here. Who can it be?"

"Maybe it's the man with the burglar's lantern come back to get his knife," said Philip, who had always made a little fun of that incident as his wife had told it. However, he rose and went over to the window. Sure enough, there was a man out on the sidewalk looking straight at the house. He was standing perfectly still.

Philip and his wife stood by the window looking at the figure outside, and, as it did not move away, at last Philip grew a little impatient and went to the door to open it and ask the man what he meant by staring into people's houses in that fashion.

"Now, do be careful, won't you?" entreated his wife anxiously.

"Yes, I presume it is some tramp or other wanting food. There's no danger, I know."

He flung the door wide open and called out in his clear, hearty voice:

"Anything you want, friend? Come up and ring the bell if you want to get in and know us instead of standing there on the walk catching cold and making us wonder who you are."

In response to this frank and informal invitation the figure came forward and slowly mounted the steps of the porch. As the face came into view more clearly Philip started and fell back a little.

It was not because the face was that of an enemy nor because it was repulsive nor because he recognized an old acquaintance. It was a face he had never to his knowledge seen before. Yet the impulse to start back before it seemed to spring from the recollection of just such a countenance moving over his spirit when he was in prayer or in trouble. It all passed in a second's time, and then he confronted the man as a complete stranger.

There was nothing remarkable about him. He was poorly dressed and carried a small bundle. He looked cold and tired. Philip, who could never resist the mute appeal of distress in any form, reached out his hand and said kindly: "Come in, my brother; you look cold and weary. Come in and sit down before the fire, and we'll have a bite of lunch. I was just beginning to think of having something to eat myself."

Philip's wife looked a little remonstrance, but Philip did not see it, and wheeling an easy chair before the fire he made the man sit down, and, pulling up a rocker, he placed himself opposite.

The stranger seemed a little surprised at the action of the minister, but made no resistance. He took off his hat and disclosed a head of hair white as snow and said in a voice that sounded singularly sweet and true:

"You do me much honor, sir. The fire feels good this chilly evening, and the food will be very acceptable. And I have no doubt you have a good, warm bed that I could occupy for the night."

Philip stared hard at his unexpected guest, and his wife, who had started out of the room to get the lunch, shook her head vigorously as she stood behind the visitor as a sign that her husband should refuse such a strange request. He was taken aback a little, and he looked puzzled. The words were uttered in the utmost simplicity.

"Why, yes, we can arrange that all right," he said. "There is a spare room, and—excuse me for a moment while I go and help to get our lunch." Philip's wife was telegraphing to him to come into the other room, and he obediently got up and went.

"Now, Philip," she whispered when they were out in the dining room, "you know that is a risky thing to do. You are all the time inviting all kinds of characters in here. We can't keep this man all night. Who ever heard of such a thing as a perfect stranger coming out with a request like that? I believe the man is crazy. It certainly will not do to let him stay here all night."

Philip looked puzzled.

"I declare it is strange! He doesn't appear like an ordinary tramp. But somehow I don't think he's crazy. Why shouldn't we let him have the bed in the room off the east parlor. I can light the fire in the stove there and make him comfortable."

"But we don't know who he is. You let your sympathies run away with your judgment."

"Well, little woman, let me go in and talk with him awhile. You get the lunch, and we'll see about the rest afterward."

So he went back and sat down again. He was hardly seated when his visitor said:

"If your wife objects to my staying here tonight, of course, I don't wish to. I don't feel comfortable to remain where I'm not welcome."

"Oh, you're perfectly welcome," said Philip hastily, with some embarrassment, while his strange visitor went on:

"I'm not crazy, only a little odd, you know. Perfectly harmless. It will be perfectly safe for you to keep me overnight."

The man spread his thin hands out before the fire, while Philip sat and watched him with a certain fascination new to his interest in all sorts and conditions of men.

Mrs. Strong brought in a substantial lunch of cold meat, bread and butter, milk and fruit and then placed it on a table in front of the open fire, where he and his remarkable guest ate like hungry men.

It was after this lunch had been eaten and the table removed that a scene occurred which would be incredible if its reality and truthfulness did not compel us to record it as a part of the life of Philip Strong. No one will wish to deny the power and significance of this event as it is unfolded in the movement of this story.

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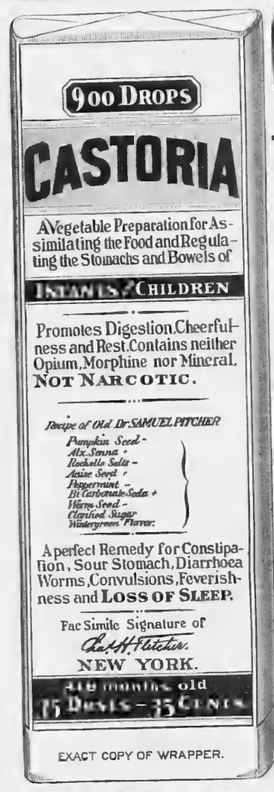
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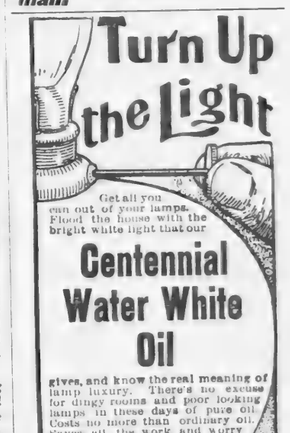
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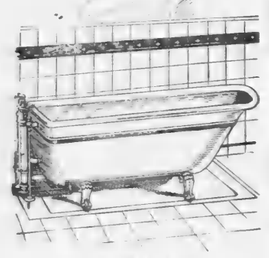

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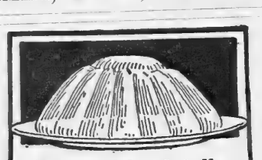

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A NEW BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Clean Sweep Made in Palmer's Election on Monday.

MESSRS. HOBBS, TWISS AND ATKINS.

Brisk Contest and Close Vote. C. L. Holden Loses by Five Votes. New Board Organizes.

Palmer's annual town election on Monday resulted in the choice of an entirely new board of selectmen,—C. H. Hobbs, J. F. Twiss and G. M. Atkins. Among the other officers of the town there is little change over last year; Dr. G. H. Wilkins succeeds Dr. L. H. Hendee as board of health, T. J. Conroy and G. H. Justin displace Samuel Brown and H. A. Northrop as constables, while F. A. Barker is succeeded as fence viewer by Dennis Mahoney. The move to elect J. W. Brainerd assessor in place of A. A. Warriner failed by 18 votes, while F. A. Ruggles is re-elected school committee by the safe margin of 159 votes. These were the only contests outside the selectmen.

The vote was a big one, a total of 1086 being polled in a registration of 1270, or over 85½ per cent. The registration and the vote by precincts is:

Precinct	A	B	C	D	Total
Registration,	564	335	215	156	1270
Vote,	452	302	197	135	1086
Stay at homes.	112	33	18	21	184

The fight was over the election of selectmen, and every effort was made to get out the voters. The counters were early at work, and the first precinct to report was D at 4 10, followed by A at 4 20 and C at 4 25, while B came in at 5 40.

The vote of the several precincts in detail follows, a star indicates election:

Precinct,	A	B	C	D	Total
SELECTMEN.					
*G M Atkins, d,	208	123	104	82	517
M J Dillon, r,	236	170	63	37	506
C E Fuller, r	229	149	66	45	489
*C H Hobbs, d,	188	146	115	96	545
C L Holden, r,	235	156	76	49	513
*J F Twiss, d,	199	130	130	74	533
Blanks,	61	32	37	42	152
ASSESSORS.					
*H T Bishop, r, d,	262	202	128	94	686
J W Brainerd, r,	302	138	97	65	602
*J O Hamilton, r, d,	309	223	102	102	736
*A A Warriner, d,	256	145	152	67	620
Blanks,	227	198	112	77	614
OVERSEER OF POOR, 3 YEARS.					
*R L Bond, r, d,	345	212	154	113	828
Blanks,	107	90	43	22	262
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 3 YEARS.					
Rev C Olmstead, r,	205	79	85	44	413
*F A Ruggles, d,	186	182	126	78	572
*C N Shaw, r, d,	301	183	116	113	713
Blanks,	216	160	67	35	478
TOWN CLERK.					
*J B Shaw, r, d,	373	230	168	106	877
Blanks,	79	72	29	29	209
TOWN TREASURER.					
*J B Shaw, r, d,	376	224	160	104	824
Blanks,	96	78	37	31	242
BOARD OF HEALTH, 3 YEARS.					
L H Hendee, d,	165	165	65	55	450
*G H. Wilkins, r,	240	85	103	62	490
Blanks,	47	52	29	18	146
TAX COLLECTOR.					
*J A Hawkes, r, d,	365	241	169	103	878
Blanks,	87	61	28	32	208
AUDITORS.					
*C K Gamwell, d,	247	163	106	80	598
*S H Hellyar, r, d,	282	146	129	76	633
W E McDonald, r,	189	132	85	61	467
Blanks,	186	163	74	53	476
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, 3 YEARS.					
*H C Strong, r, d,	269	157	128	85	639
Blanks,	183	145	69	50	447
CONSTABLES.					
T D Carmody, d,	177	136	67	43	417
*M Collins, r, d,	276	182	123	111	692
*T J Conroy, r, d,	292	201	121	91	705
Eugene Decoteau, r,	145	112	79	34	370
*G H Justin, r,	220	87	89	56	461
*J F Luman, d,	222	177	112	84	595
*J J Manning, r, d,	291	205	165	101	762
Blanks,	628	416	229	155	1428
FENCE VIEWERS.					
Charles Forsman, r,	191	95	72	43	311
H M Kendall, d,	147	110	62	57	376
*J K Knox, d,	182	121	104	60	477
*Dennis Mahoney, r, d,	180	164	94	65	507
*P M Shearer, r,	229	98	100	41	468
Blankf,	427	318	159	135	1039
LICENSE.					
*Yes,	249	217	100	69	635
No,	176	65	84	61	386
Blanks,	27	20	13	5	65

The original returns of the counters gave Mr. Atkins 517 and Mr. Holden 516 This was so close that a recount was asked for, and it was made yesterday afternoon by the registrars. While the result was not changed some errors were found. In precinct A Mr. Atkins and Mr. Holden each lost one vote; there was no change in precincts B and C; in D Mr. Atkins gained one and Mr. Holden lost two. This left Mr. Atkins just where he started, with 517, but gave Mr. Holden a loss of three, reducing his vote to 513.

The selectmen met yesterday afternoon and organized with G. M. Atkins as chairman and J. F. Twiss clerk. They appointed C. T. Brainerd superintendent of highways for the ensuing year and T. W. Kenefick town counsel. The board of health has organized with Dr. J. P. Schneider as chairman.

A peculiar thing was the fact that very little attention was paid to the question of license when the returns were being tabulated at the town clerk's office. Usually the important question when a precinct's returns come in is, "What is the vote on license?" But Monday afternoon there was no apparent interest beyond the question, "What is the vote on selectmen?" The majority for license last year was 234; this year it is 249

Last year there was a difference of 69 votes between the highest and lowest man, while this year there is only 56; last year there was a difference of only seven votes between the successful candidates, while this year there is 28. Last year there was a difference of 36 votes between the lowest successful candidate and the next man, while this year C. L. Holden, the fourth man, is only four vote behind the third man elected, needing only five more votes to have carried him in.

The six boys from Three Rivers who recently let a loaded freight car out upon the main track of the C. V. road, were fined $3 each in the district court Monday. It appeared that they had no intention of doing damage, hence the light punishment

JOHN W. MORGAN OF BRIMFIELD.

Death of a Well Known Decorator and Frescoer of Much Ability.

John W. Morgan, 85, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Brimfield, died at his home in that town Tuesday after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Morgan was a man whose physical and mental forms had been remarkably preserved, and advancing years had brought few signs of the decrepitude that commonly marks old age. He had been somewhat enfeebled by a cold this winter, but the immediate occasion of his last illness was over-exertion arising from his ambitious and industrious disposition. Even as late as last summer and fall he worked at carriage painting in his shop.

John Woodworth Morgan was born in Brimfield July 13, 1815. He was the son of Aaron Jr. and Almira (Aspinwall) Morgan, and was of the fourth generation in the line of descent from Dea. David Morgan, who was one of the proprietors of Brimfield. David Morgan, who went with other settlers of Brimfield from the Springfield plantation, was a grandson of Miles Morgan. Mr. Morgan had lived in Brimfield during the greater part of his life. He was married May 15, 1855, to Miss Julia Tifield of Granby. During the early part of his life he followed the occupation of painter, and had his shop where is now the residence of Mrs. Henry F. Brown, in the days when there were numerous industries in Brimfield. But being endowed by nature with fine taste, and having artistic talent, Mr. Morgan took up the work of fresco painting later in life. He had an office in Springfield for nearly 30 years and employed a numer of hands. His work became widely and favorably known as he had contracts for decorating public buildings and private dwellings in various cities and towns in New England. In the list of buildings where his work has been represented are, the Adams House, United States Hotel and Hoffman House in Boston, Grace M. E. church, Central Congregational church, Piedmont church and Masonic halls in Worcester, North church, First church, State street Methodist church, church of the Sacred Heart, South church chapel, Haynes Hotel and Massasoit House, and many of the finest private residences in Springfield, besides public buildings in St. Johnsbury, Montpelier, Vt., Hinsdale and Winchester, N. H., Putnam and Thompsonville, Ct., Spencer, West Brookfield, Warren and Monson, and private dwellings in Boston, Lawrence, Worcester, Spencer, Leicester, West Brookfield, North Brookfield, Holyoke, Chicopee, Palmer, Northampton, Hinsdale, N. H., St. Johnsbury, Vt., and Binghamton, N. Y.

After returning to Brimfield, where he always kept his residence, Mr. Morgan's industry and usefulness continued to the last. He possessed a social, genial nature and was a good conversationalist, so that his society was always enjoyed, and he was liked and respected by the young people in whom he always took a friendly interest. He had distinct recollections of events of local history and his death removes an important source of information concerning those matters. In the days when the church choir was accompanied by stringed instruments, Mr. Morgan played the bass viol. Mr. Morgan had the friendship of many people outside his native town as well as of its inhabitants, and, as in the recollection of those who have gone out from Brimfield, he has been so long associated with the place, to many the town will seem changed by his loss. Besides a widow, he leaves a brother, William W. Morgan, of Jamestown, N. D., Mrs. Lucretia Carpenter of Worcester, Mrs. Martha Beaman of Ware, Mrs. Charlotte Kincaid of Plymouth, Ill., and Miss Margaret of Brimfield. The funeral was held at 11 o'clock this morning at his late residence, Rev. Mr. Kyle officiating.

Part of the addition to the Thorndike street cemetery in the Depot village, showing a part of the grading done by the cemetery commissioners and the road built to connect the old and the new parts.

CONSOLIDATION OPPOSED

In Plan of Palmer Electric Road to Absorb Electric Light Company.

The hearing on the petition of Charles F. Grosvenor of Palmer for permission for the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company to lease, consolidate with or purchase the property and franchise of the Central Massachusetts Electric Company, took place before the street railways committee of the Legislature last Friday. The bill gave the latter company the same power with regard to the former, but no lease, consolidation or purchase could be valid until approved by the railroad commissioners and the gas and electric light commissioners after a public hearing. The case of the petitioner was presented by Allen W. Page of Bridgeport as counsel. He said that the two corporations should be one, and save expense. They are now practically one. A law like that desired is in force in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Illinois. There is no reason why there should not be a consolidation. The companies are operated by the same power, made from the same coal. The statute does not permit a street railway company to do an electric lighting business. If the bill were passed, they would try to retire the securities of the electric lighting company and to substitute those of the street railway company.

The bill was opposed by Everett W. Burdett, counsel for the electric lighting association. The time has not come for the passage of such a bill. It is very crude. Such a hybrid corporation ought not to be created. To pass this bill would create a precedent which would hamper any solution of the future of how to unite such companies. In many respects the bill needed amendment. No precedent exists for having these two commissions unite in any action. Mr. Burdett argued at length along these lines. Mr. Page said that if the committee could not report the bill, he would prefer a report of reference to the next Legislature to a report of leave to withdraw, as by that time some solution of the problem might be found.

WARE PASTOR TO PITTSFIELD.

Rev. James Boyle of All Saints' Church is Transferred.

HAS BEEN IN WARE FOR 13 YEARS.

Much Beloved by His People and the Town in General, His Departure Much Regretted.

It was with deep regret and sorrow that the people of Ware heard the announcement Sunday morning that Rev. James Boyle, for 13 years pastor of All Saints' church, was soon to leave Ware to fill the vacancy at St. Joseph's church in Pittsfield caused by the death of Rev. T. M. Smith. The people of Ware are very reluctant to lose a man who has so endeared himself to everyone through his long and faithful service. He has been identified with the life of the town in many ways, and was an unusually cultured and courteous man. Father Boyle was born in Birkenhead, England, coming to New York with his parents when a young child, where he attended the public schools. He was graduated from St. Therese College in Canada at the close of the war, and in 1875 was graduated from the grand seminary of St. Sulpice at Montreal, being a member of the same class as Bishop Beaven, of whom he has always been a close friend.

At a meeting held in Hibernian hall Monday evening the following were appointed a committee to draw up resolutions to be presented to Rev. James Boyle: Rev. J. P. Leary, chairman, J. E. Clark, secretary, J. J. Kidgell, J. W. Clark, T. J. McBride, J. E. Fitzgerald and J. T. Brosnahan, and they have reported the following:

Whereas, the bishop of our diocese, recognizing the ability and faithful years of service of Rev. James Boyle, has transferred him to a larger and more important parish in the city of Pittsfield; and whereas, this transfer arouses the deepest feelings of regret in the hearts of the people of Ware; be it resolved: First, That while we, the parishioners of All Saints' church rejoice in his well-merited promotion, we, at the same time, regret exceedingly his departure from us. Second, That we will ever hold in memory his 13 years of faithful labor in the interest of the parish and town; and in his departure the parish loses a loving pastor, a kind father and a true friend; the town loses a devoted citizen and a wise counselor. Third, That his formal refusal to accept a purse alone restricts us to this humble way of expressing our love and esteem for him. Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Ware River *News*, Springfield *Republican*, Worcester *Telegram* and the Pittsfield *Evening Eagle*, and that the secretary present a copy to Father Boyle.

Ware Town Figures.

The annual reports of the school committee and town officers have been completed. The treasurer's report shows that he has cash on hand amounting to $11,031, of which $4000 belongs to the high school loan fund, $4631 to the water department and $684 to the school department. The total town debt, including the water debt, is $101,850; the net debt, excluding the water debt, being $57,750. There is a balance of $1715 available for town purposes, against a deposit of about $800 last year. Following is a summary of the treasurer's report:

Cash balance from last year, $10,815; expenditures, contingent account, $2060; town hall, $1507; police, $3181; street lights, $3608; salaries, $3528; cemeteries, $1782; board of health, $581; military aid, $870; public water, $500; library, $1401; Memorial Day, $150; highways and bridges, $4491; sidewalks, $1164; Grand Army relief, $175; interest, $2691; common schools, $22,865; contingent, $6266; overseers of the poor, $12,827; county tax, $8624; national bank tax, $2944; state tax, $2430; one-fourth of liquor licenses, $2801; instalments on town debt, $11,750; district court, $284; grade crossing expenses, $1133; old snow bills, $141; macadam roads, $222; abatements of taxes, $762; Clifford avenue sewer, $799; temporary loans, $26,000. Receipts: Temporary loans, $26,000; liquor licenses, $11,204; water commissioners, maintenance account, $10,106; corporation tax, $3955; national bank tax, $866; fines in district court, $565; rent of town hall, $1328; cemeteries, $1082.

The school committee's report shows that there was a balance of $704 from the previous year, appropriation $22,500, received for tuition $281, making a total of $23,485. There was expended for salaries of superintendent and teachers $17,377; care of buildings, $2506; transportation, $757; fuel, $1936; water for ventilation, $287; balance, $670; contingent account, resources, $6330; expenditures, $6266; balance, $64.

LUDLOW POLE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Lay Down With Feet in the River and Prayer Book in His Hand.

Maciel Gaztka, a young Polander who lives in Ludlow, tried to end his life Sunday afternoon while temporarily insane on the subject of religion. He left the Miller block in Ludlow, where he boards, about half past three in the afternoon and wandered down the Athol branch railroad toward Indian Orchard. When he reached the Indian Leap bridge he took off his hat and shoes and threw them into the water, and then continued down the track for about a mile until he came to the lower bridge below Indian Orchard. He then went to the edge of the river and laid down with his feet and legs in the water and his hands crossed upon his breast, holding a prayer book. Victor Tetrault and Judson Groto, who were passing, heard his cries and carried him to a Polander block. Officer P. H. McDonald was summoned and ordered him to be taken to the police station, where he was attended by Dr. C. W. Gelineau. His feet were so badly swollen and blistered that the skin fell off and it was at first feared that they would have to be amputated, but after treatment the swelling was greatly reduced. The boy is 18 years old and said he came from Poland in February. He said he wanted to die but did not dare to kill himself. He was taken to Springfield Sunday night and examined by City Physician Chapin and Dr. D. J. Brown, who pronounced him insane and sent him to the Northampton asylum.

Decision was rendered for the defendant last Saturday in the case of D. F. Holden of Palmer against Mrs. W. J. Easter of Brimfield for a commission on the sale of the latter's farm. The plaintiff appealed.

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Boston, March 23, 1900.

The raid on the civil service reform law reached its height this week when the tall form of Jesse N. Gove of East Boston, the original Blaine man of Massachusetts, rose to its full height before the committee on public service and hurled epithets and contumely upon the reform principle and upon the men who support it. Now, Jesse is quite a politician. He knows the way of Boston politicians and probably not even Josiah Quincy could give him points. Hence it must be presumed that he knew what he was talking about, though he was under suspicion of a splendid disregard of exactness in some of his sweeping assertions. He said that the bill was passed by the influence of men who were Republicans when the party did not need them and who were Democrats when the party did need them. "The great mass of the people at that time," said Jesse, with his voice full of wrath and his long finger quivering with emotion, "and from then down to the present, never wanted the law, never believed in the law and always despised the law." He affirmed that there was not a single man who would give his honest belief about the law who would not say that the people would condemn it, if it were referred to them for their action. If 100,000 votes were to be cast upon the matter, seven of them would be for the repeal of the law. Jesse went on to say the Republicans passed the law when O'Brien was mayor of Boston and thereby kept city hall full of Democrats. The next year they passed the Boston police commission act, and ever since 98 per cent of the licenses have gone to Democrats. He was full of contempt for such politics.

This week has seen a new accession of interest in the question of the ownership of the Boston and Albany railroad on the part of the state. This has not grown especially out of the appearance of George Fred Williams for the principle which was embodied in the last Democratic state platform, but more on account of the long and lucid explanations of Prof. Edward W. Bemis. He made a careful study of the situation and for Tuesday forenoon and afternoon and Wednesday forenoon sessions, for the greater part, he held the attention of a large attendance of the committee and public. He went into much detail of the history of the road and made many points in support of his proposition for state ownership. While it is not to be expected that such a radical departure as that will win the approval of the Legislature, yet his defense of the proposition must have an effect upon the public mind and do much to make people think more on the matter. Personally Prof. Bemis is about 50 years of age, modest and scholarly in bearing, not a campaign demagogue by any means. He throws no oratorical effect into his address, but confines himself to the facts so closely and clearly that he seems to have made a decided impression upon the public. It will be remembered that he was practically forced to leave his chair in Chicago University, because his teachings regarding the duties and dangers of capital were not acceptable to the powerful capitalistic influences which control that university. From there he went to Kansas state university, where he again encountered a similar hostile influence. Hence he had the leisure to study this Boston and Albany question and has done it thoroughly.

Once in a while a bit of humor breaks out in the House which interrupts the serious line of procedure without any loss of dignity or any bad effect upon legislation. Such an occasion came about on Tuesday afternoon, toward the end of a long debate upon an insurance bill whose purpose was to compel Massachusetts manufacturers to insure in Massachusetts companies before they could place any insurance in companies outside of the state. It was a bill which the manufacturers were trying desperately to defeat, for it had been reported by the insurance committee. Mr. Morse of Belchertown, about at the end of the forenoon, said that he had felt like offering an amendment: "provided, further, that no man shall be allowed to marry a woman outside of the state of Massachusetts until he has filed with the secretary of state a sworn statement that he has been unable to procure a wife within the limits of the Commonwealth." As we all believe in the theory of protection to Massachusetts industries, and as there are 70,000 more women than men in the state, he thought that the women were in need of protection. The laugh which followed this bright bit of wit doubtless had its part in rolling up the heavy vote against the bill. It was brought out in the debate that the committee reported the bill, though five of them did not favor it, because it was opposed by Edward Atkinson and they did not like what Atkinson had done in connection with the Philippine islands.

A unanimous adverse report has been made upon the petition that the trailing arbutus be made the legal floral emblem of the state. Hundreds of people petitioned for the bill.

The liquor people have made a sharp onset upon the House this week for a bill to permit saloons to be open on election days after the close of the polls. The man who offered the bill said that he did so at the request of a liquor seller. A strange fact about the debate was that several young Irish Democrats, who declared that they were members of total abstinence societies, spoke for the bill. This has been the case in almost every year before upon one liquor measure or another. Members who profess warm personal devotion to the temperance cause, yet vote with the liquor interest. It is a kind of temperance support which always discredits these men personally in the minds of many spectators, but it always occurs and the explanation for the attitude of these members is doubtless that they are dependent upon the liquor vote, in part, for their election and that the saloon-keepers can make or break them at will. One of the members declared that the Legislature had no right to say how men should drink. But the House was not carried by such arguments and the bill suffered overwhelming defeat.

Mr. Saunders of Boston proposes to do something to stop the abuse of the pairing privilege which has grown up in the House. In support of his order for the committee on rules to consider the expediency of a change, he told of two colleagues who had an agreement whereby, when either of them was absent, the other should pair him upon any pending measure in any way he saw fit. In other cases, men who rarely attend are paired with men who attend faithfully and listen to the debates. A reform is evidently needed to restrain conscienceless members.

The movement against department stores has reached its climax in a unanimous adverse report by the judiciary committee, which heard the case with much patience for two different days. The petitioners for a heavy license fee, in order to prevent the department stores from competing with small merchants, were well represented. They made as much of their case as could be made of it, and it was not their fault that the committee was unanimous against them. It will be very difficult to overcome this report, if the attempt is made, and it is to be expected that the petitioners will find it impossible to carry

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FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 23, 1900.

PALMER NEWS.

LOCAL NOTICES.

All former members of Anchor of Hope lodge, I. O. of G. T., are requested to meet at my residence on Main street, next Monday evening at 7.30. There is business of importance.

MARIA LAWRENCE,
Chairman of Committee.

Palmer, Mass., March 21, 1900.

Musical Treat Promised.

A treat is promised local lovers of music in the sacred cantata "Holy City," by A. R. Gaul, which is to be given at the Congregational church next Sunday evening by a chorus consisting of Miss Bessie M. Royce, Mrs. A. D. Norcross, Mrs. G. M. Gerrish, Miss Carrie J. Fish, Mrs. Rufus Flynt, Mr. H. W. McGregory, Mr. E. B. Taylor, Mr. C. F. Orcutt and Mr. Thomas Chapman; Mrs. F. H. Bliss organist, and Miss Idella L. Holbrook pianist. The first part of the cantata is suggested by the passage of Scripture, "Here have we no continuing city," "Thy kingdom come," and sets forth the desire for a higher life, as expressed in the words of the solo, "My soul is athirst for God," which desire is followed by other passages expressive of the perfection of the higher life. The second part is suggested by the words, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away," thus realizing the desire and promise contained in the first part With the exception of two hymns, a verse from Milton, and three verses from the "Te Deum," the words are entirely scriptural. The service will begin at 7.15.

Warren Roper is ill at his home on Pearl street.

Mrs. Albert Bogue is visiting her mother in Mittineague.

Mrs. M. Scott French is visiting her parents in Holyoke.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neil died yesterday.

Miss Dorothy Todd has returned from a visit at Brattleboro, Vt.

G. E. Buck spent Sunday and the first of the week in Washington, D. C.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilkins spent Sunday with relatives in Milford, N. H.

Mrs. J. C. Wing has been confined to her home with illness the past week.

Robert Faulkner of Keene, N. H., was the guest of friends in town over Sunday.

The Knights of Columbus worked the first degree on four candidates last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kenerson leave tomorrow for a week's stay in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stone were the guests of friends in Boston the first of the week.

Miss Bertha Hastings has been spending the week with her sister in Northampton.

A. D. Shaw of Brown University is spending a week at his home on North Main street.

Mrs. C. H. Burns of Winchendon has been the guest of her parents in town this week.

Rev. C. W. Haines of the Baptist church preached at Silver Street Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. A. Northrop has been the guest of relatives in Boston and Plymouth this week.

Mrs. G. E. Buck returned Wednesday night from an extended visit in Washington, D. C.

H. E. Starr of Providence, R. I., is a guest at the home of J. H. Tuthill on Pleasant street.

Miss McGregory of Springfield is a guest at the home of H. W. McGregory on Squier street.

The Woman's Tuesday Club will meet next week with Mrs. E. P. Ball on Converse avenue.

G. Ezekiel is to move from North Main street to the Gardner house on Converse avenue.

The physical culture class will meet in the chapel of the Universalist church on Monday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Heenehan is home from the Bridgewater normal school for a short vacation.

John Jones has resigned his position at the hat shop and taken a similar one in Amherst.

Washington council, R. and S. M., will hold a regular assembly in Masonic Hall on Monday evening.

Mr. Wing of Lynn is the guest of his father, J. C. Wing, at his home on Central street for a few days.

New singing books, "Gospel Hymns and Sacred Songs," have been purchased by the Baptist church recently.

Miss Ora B. Skinner of Monson was the guest of Miss Grace Ferry on Fox avenue for a few days this week.

Miss Ada Wing of Brown University is stopping for a short vacation with her parents on North Main street.

The Dorcas Society of the Universalist church will hold its final meeting and tea on Wednesday evening, April 4.

Miss Eudocia Flynt, who is studying music in New York city, is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Rufus Flynt, for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Breckenridge have returned from an extended visit with their sons in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and Woodbridge, N. J.

There will be no preaching service in the Baptist church Sunday evening, but the Chistian Endeavor service will be held from 6 to 7.

Cyrus W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, held a regular meeting Tuesday evening in Memorial Hall and mustered in two new recruits.

Mrs. S. S. Whitman, who has been the guest of Mrs. F. N. Carpenter for several weeks, has returned to her home in New Bedford.

The men's class of St. Paul's church will discuss on Sunday, "The principles and method of sharing profit and cooperation now in vogue."

Mrs. L. E. Carpenter left last evening for New York on a business trip. She will return to-morrow night, accompanied by Miss Cora Peebles.

The fourth Lenten service will be held in the Universalist church next Thursday evening and will be in charge of Rev. Charles Conklin of Springfield.

The lots in the old and new parts of the cemetery in the Depot village have been surveyed and deeds can be had by application to the cemetery commissioners.

The familiar face of Cyrus Knox has been seen behind the delivery window at the post office a part of the week, Postmaster Shaw being away on a short vacation.

A. F. Howell, the humorist and impersonator, has arranged with Manager Lent of the opera house to give an evening's reading of "David Harum" Tuesday, April 3.

C. W. Johnson has entered "Faith" and "Minturn," and Thomas Blanchard has entered "Parkville Prince" in the 2.14 pacing class of the Readville grand circuit races.

Uncleimed letters are advertised at the post office for Miss Minnie Doyle, Mrs. Alice F. Smith, Miss Fanny Upham, Mrs. R. C. King, John Cahill, G. R. Norton & Co.

Miss Ella Carey, accompanied by her brother Edward, went to Haverhill the first of the week to care for their sister, Miss Maggie, who had a leg broken in a street accident.

Miss Maria G. Prindiville of Springfield, formerly of this place, has taken the position of stenographer and bookkeeper for Contractor J. J. Prindiville of South Framingham.

The building on Main street occupied by the Smith-Hamilton Company has been lowered to a position near the sidewalk, making it more convenient for costumers to get in and out.

A. E. Fitch has decided to go into the real estate business, and will buy and sell real estate on commission, guaranteeing all of his patrons fair dealing and quick returns of transactions accomplished. His office is in the bank block.

The Eastern Star will give a pop corn and peanut social in the lodge rooms on Central street next Tuesday evening, to which all are invited. There will be an art exhibition entertainment, and a Dago peanut woman will be imported especially for the occasion.

Vesper services will be held at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Universalist church, and the pastor will speak on "God's will and ours." Only three or more of these will be held, and the opportunity to be present at these which remain should be taken advantage of by those interested.

The Business and Social Club at a meeting Wednesday evening voted to give a minstrel show Friday, May 11, the arrangements being left in charge of a committee consisting of W. E. McDonald, E. W. Carpenter and D. F. Dillon. E. R. Pierce was chosen manager. There is considerable ability in the club, and a good show may be looked for.

The open house kept by the Palmer Business and Social Club Tuesday evening for lady friends of its members was enjoyed by a large number. The affair was quite informal. The Monson orchestra furnished music, dancing and cards were indulged in, and the billiard and pool tables patronized. Royce catered, serving refreshments in the secretary's room.

The demonstration of Wool soap closed Saturday night at J. F. Foley's with a record of sales more than double that of any previous week in the experience of the demonstrator, and with stormy weather a part of the time. John Murphy, Mrs. Decoursey and George Laffo guessed nearest the number of cakes of soap in the pyramid; each guessed 490, and the correct number was 489.

The body of John Waite was brought to Palmer from Worcester to-day for burial in the Thorndike street cemetery. Mr. Waite was the son of John Waite, a former harness maker in Palmer, and resided here for about twenty-five years. The body of Mrs. E. J. Brown was also brought to Palmer from Boston on the 1.58 train for interment in the same cemetery. Mrs. Brown was a former resident of Palmer.

Robert Wilson of Providence, R. I, accompanied by his clerk, Archie Rankin, were in town Monday. The latter has remained and is located at the Weeks House. Mr. Rankin is engaging men to work in the quarry near the epileptic hospital buildings, and hopes to begin operations early next week. It is the purpose to push the work as rapidly as the weather will permit. Stone will be gotten out for the five new hospital buildings, for which Robert Wilson of Providence has the contract.

Robert J. Farley, who was arrested last week in Rutland, Vt., for stealing the mail bag in Palmer last month, was brought before the grand jury at Boston Tuesday. Postmaster Shaw and Franklin M. Shaw, who found the sack, were present. Farley's partner told that Farley had planned to rob the post office at Farnumsville, near Worcester, and was on his way there when the opportunity to steal the sack at Palmer presented itself. Farley is a man with a record in mail stealing, having served time for thefts in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Ohio.

An amusing case was tried in the district court Saturday, that of Gavin against Gregory of Wales, in which the former sued the latter for $9 for mason work which had to be done over again and was completed by one man in a day. Gavin gave some interesting testimony as to his work and the necessities of the business, evidently thinking that he was in an element unfamiliar to the lawyers. But he happened to be "up against the real thing," for both the court and the lawyer for the defense, D. F. Dillon, had expert knowlege of the matter under discussion, and it was shown that he had not the knowledge of his craft necessary to make him a master workman. A verdict for the defendant was found.

The fourth and last entertainment in the course of the Eagle Athletic Club will be given in the Palmer opera house next Friday evening, when Hon. G. A. Gearhart of Buffalo, N. Y., will lecture. Mr. Gearhart is one of the leading platform lecturers of the century and has made an enviable name for himself. He is possessed of scholarly as well as oratorical ability, thus being able to furnish his audiences lectures that are replete with aims uplifting and ennobling, sentiments high and lofty. His delivery is pleasing, his diction pure, his rhetoric splendid, which, combined with a strong personality, make his entertaining powers of the highest order. The past attractions have been highly enjoyed and it seems as though the public should turn out in good numbers at this last entertainment and help out the members of the club, who have afforded them one of the best courses ever given in the town.

THREE RIVERS.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by E. A. Thomas.

James Cole of South Manchester, Conn., visited at the home of his parents over Sunday.

Rev. John Eyers of Gardner, a former pastor of the Baptist church, has been visiting in this place.

Charles Ruggles has commenced work on the construction of a new house on Main street for R. L. Bond.

R. H. Strickland and daughter Sadie of Livonia, N. Y., are visiting on Baptist Hill at J. B. Burlingame's.

BONDSVILLE.

Lester F. Alden is at home sick.

Miss Ora Parent is home for the spring vacation.

Archie Brown has been sick with a severe cold this week.

Mrs. Henry Morgan visited her daughter in Enfield this week.

William Davis of Enfield visited Thomas Waterhouse over Sunday.

George Cooley of Enfield is the new engineer at R. L. Bond's mill.

Robert Fitzgerald is able to be at work again after his recent illness.

Class meeting next Monday evening at A. M. Bond's house at Thorndike.

Miss Marion V. Knowlton and Rose E. Alexander visited in Enfield Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bond have been visiting their daughter in Hartford this week.

Mrs. Parent has had the splints removed from her arm, which is slowly improving.

Arthur Lee has so far recovered from his sickness to be up and dressed, yet is very weak.

George Roberts went to Boston last Saturday to meet a brother he had not seen for 20 years.

Morris M. Moynahan of Northampton was the guest of the Misses Moynahan over Sunday.

Misses Marjory Bruce and Mabel Ryther and Leon Ryther are expected home tomorrow.

On the license question Bondsville went 61 no and 69 yes, a gain on the no vote of 14 over last year.

There will be a basketball game between the Holyoke and Bondsville teams at Liberty Hall to-morrow evening.

Bluebirds and robins, heralds of spring, have come, and are heard in the morning, reminding us of more settled weather.

Richard Thomas of Southbridge, Morris Moynahan of Northampton and Patrick Waterbury were at home and voted Monday.

John Knapp of Lowell, formerly of Bondsville, was in town last week. Mr. Knapp has a position in Worcester and will move there.

Miss Marion Andrews of Thorndike has accepted the position as clerk at C. L. Holden & Sons' store lately vacated by Miss Maggie Carmody.

Misses Alice and Laura Bond and Misses Edith and Grace Childs will spend Saturday and Sunday in Hartford as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Sword.

Rev. J. O. Knowles, D. D., of Springfield will hold the fourth quarterly conference at the Methodist church at 9.30 Sunday morning; preaching service at 10.45; love feast at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

The King's Daughters will give a bean supper and entertainment next Wednesday evening, at the Methodist church. The subject of the entertainment is "Mistress Mary's garden." There is to be a fan drill by "Pretty maids," and scarf drill by "Flower girls." Music will be a part of the entertainment.

The funeral of Abraham Murdock took place from the residence of Mrs. George Alexander in South Belchertown Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. H. G. Alley officiated. Mr. Murdock was for years an active business man in Bondsville, carrying on the grocery business at the place now occupied by O. A. Parent He was a devoted member of the Methodist church, having served as trustee, steward and treasurer of the society for years. He made his home with his daughter, Mrs. George Alexander.

THORNDIKE.

Mrs. Benjamin Vignault of High street is quite ill.

John Crean Jr., has accepted a position in Haverhill.

Mrs. James Richards entertained friends from Lowell over Sunday.

Mrs. G. A. Murdock and daughter Florence are visiting in Millbury.

Freeman Shaw is confined to his home on Church street with the grippe.

Ivy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis, is ill with scarlet fever.

Miss Emma Bennett of West Warren spent Sunday as the guest of Miss Nellie Riley.

Miss Marion Andrews has taken a position in the store of Charles L. Holden & Sons at Bondsville.

Cornelius Roche left Wednesday for Westfield, were he has taken a position at his trade, painting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clifford of Monson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Moores Tuesday.

Sofia Plante of Ware, formerly of Thorndike has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Plante.

Miss Margaret Hartnett of Springfield spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ellen Hartnett.

Eddie Longtine and Charles McCarthy Jr., of West Warren visited at the homes of their parents over Sunday.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Congregational church met at the home of Mrs. A. L. Tollman on Wednesday.

Thorndike has a grippe epidemic at present, and in some instances whole families are stricken down with the malady.

Mrs. Gibbs and daughter, Miss Bessie Edwards of Orange, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Moores during the week.

Fire in the chimney of the large block opposite the No. 2 mill on Monday night caused much excitement for a short while, but was extinguished without any damage.

Mrs. G. M. Gerrish and Thomas L. Chapman will take part in the sacred cantata, "The Holy City," to be given at the Congregational church in Palmer Sunday evening.

Thorndike is undergoing a coal panic just at present. Mr. Miller, the coal dealer, is unable to get coal on account of the scarcity of cars in which to ship it, but expects to have a supply on hand by the last of the week.

Miss Frances Terrill gave the third in the series of readings to her pupils in the grammar school building Monday. The readings are interesting and are well received by the pupils, who find them instructive as well as entertaining.

A large number of basketball fans will accompany the Thorndikes to Ware this evening to witness the game between Thorndike and Ware, the second game in the championship contest between the two clubs. The game Saturday evening was the hottest contest ever seen in Union Hall. The capacity of the hall was taxed in order to make room for the crowd, which numbered over 400. The Ware team put up a plucky game. The playing of Martens, Horne, Crossman and Windle for the home team, and the work of Moriarty and Connolly for the visitors was the feature of the game. Thorndike won by a score of 9 to 7.

St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society at the meeting Wednesday evening admitted one new member into the society. The following committees were also chosen on furnishing new building: Dennis Healey, Wm. J. McCormick, William Sargent; on regulations, William T. Sargent, J. Brosnan, David Fleming, Cornelius Roche, Maurice Healy; on entertainment, Moses I. Longtine, David Fleming, Thomas Kennedy, Wm. T. Sargent, Martin F. Hurley. The society expects to move into their new club house to-morrow. The election of officers for the ensuing quarter will take place at the meeting on Wednesday next.

Band Bazar Donations.

Donations for the Columbian Band's bazar, which opens at Union Hall Lexington night, are as follows: C. H. Hobbs, $20; R. C. Newell, $10; John Murphy, Palmer, $5; E. R. Pierce & Co., $5; William Lawton, $10; Charles A. Tabor, $5; T. J. Clifford, $5; E. J. Kelley, $5; Clark & Hastings, $5; Mahoney & Keefe, Three Rivers, $3; F. A. Upham, $3; J. W. Fay, $2; William J. McCormick, $2; H. A. Shaw, $1; A. W. Warriner, $1; James Hughes, $1; A. L. Tollman, $1; W. H. Norton, $1; John Hutchinson, $1; Frank Shuttleworth, $1; M. E. Keefe, $1; James Thompson, 50 cents; James F. Loftus, merchandise $4; E. E. Kendall, stationery; Isaac Coven, shoes; M. Lawlor, trunk; Walker & Kelley, cut of cloth; Leary Bros., box of cigars; Ham & Miller, cord of wood; Mrs. D. J. Shiel, merchandise; M. Roche, canary bird; W. F. Fillmore, ton of coal; Arthur Grise, $1; John Wilson, lamp; L. L. Keith, cigars; E. F. Shaw merchandise; Jacob Wilson, boy's suit; J. Cedilotte & Bros., picture; Warriner & Herran, merchandise; A. M. Bond, merchandise; Ed. Goodes, shoes; J. F. Luman, story book; E. S. Brooks, silver fruit dish; Western Mass. Shoe Co, ladies' shoes; W. R. Milligan, pictorial Palmer; D. L. Bodfish, workbasket; W. E. Stone, picture; James B. Shaw, barrel of flour; C. K. Gamwell, dress suit case; F. D. Barton, silver cake basket; Sullivan & Co., guess cake; H. G. Loomis, chair; K. M. Fleming, blankets; Lizzie Hartnett, plaque; Mary V. Sheean, sofa pillow; Charles Huling, silver spoons.

EAST BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. L. M. Bump is visiting in Southbridge.

Ralph Basnor is still quite sick with measles.

Miss Selena Marsell is quite ill with quinsy sore throat.

Milton and Robert Plympton of Brimfield are visiting their grandfather, E. H. Davenport.

Miss Ida Davenport has returned from Boston, bringing with her a New England piano.

Those recovering from measles are Mrs. H. S. Howes, Amy Howes, Carrie, Maud, Fred, Christian and Carrol Stanger, also five of the Smith children. Dorothy Smith has pneumonia.

Mrs. Viola M. Slater passed away Monday night, having been ill with consumption about twelve weeks. She leaves a husband, two sons and a daughter to mourn her loss. The funeral was held at the church Thursday at one o'clock. Mr. Slater has the sympathy of many friends,

BRIMFIELD.

Miss Bertha Bliss is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. H. D. Hyde, in Boston.

Mrs. J. H. Noyes, who is spending the winter in Springfield, came to Brimfield Wednesday for a short stay.

The Grange observed "neighbors' night" Tuesday. The Sturbridge Grange furnished the literary entertainment, and the Warren grange was represented.

The prize speaking contest which was to have been held by pupils of the Hitchcock Academy at the town hall last evening has been postponed until early next term on account of the illness of two of the speakers.

The Brimfield Improvement Society held its regular meeting Monday evening. Plans were proposed for improved foot passage across the public square, and the care of the park was considered. A needed improvement is the discontinuance of the foot path that has been made within the last year or two on the park. If this is sodded and a request made to keep on the walks, in all probability people will heed the request, as their attention will be thus called to the disfigurement to the park such paths are. An additional walk was cut a few years ago to accommodate those going to the post office and store from the north side of the common.

Promising Life Cut Short.

The news of the death of John Haley, one of the older pupils of the Hitchcock Academy, fills the school and town with sorrow. Mr. Haley was taken down with measles about two weeks ago. He was convalescent from the disease, but had pneumonia. He was improving somewhat when heart trouble set in, which caused his death yesterday. Mr. Haley was a young man of great promise. He was a bright scholar, faithful and conscientious, and having a happy, kindly disposition was much beloved. Mr. and Mrs. Haley and their family have the sympathy of the entire community in their great loss. There are ten children, and this is the first death in the family.

Town Report Figures.

The annual reports of the town officers are finished and will be ready for distribution to-morrow. The selectmen's report shows that the total expenditures for the year were $13,561.20, as follows: Old bills of 1898-9, $97; highways, $1598; bridges, $236; snow paths, $1.30; officers' salaries, $347; miscellaneous purposes, $1407; funds deposited in banks, $400; memorial tablets, $333; land damage, $1002; abatement of taxes, $143; loan in anticipation of taxes, $600; public library, $302; state and county tax, $703; town debt and interest, $935; support of the poor, $1589; support of schools and repairs on schoolhouses, $3072. The report of the overseers of the poor shows that $445.46 was spent for poor not on the town farm and $1101.12 for poor on the town farm. The average number at the almshouse was 2 19-26, and the cost of each week's board was $8; the number of tramps cared for during the year was 140. The inventory at the farm is $5575.15, $200.58 less than last year. The town treasurer has received $15,269.62 and expended $13,561.20, leaving a balance of $1708.42. The assets of the town are $4463.37 and the liabilities $1975.74, the assets over balancing the liabilities $2487.63. The total amount available for school purposes was $3560.03 and the expenditures $3063.23, leaving a balance unexpended of $496.80. The librarian's report shows that 216 new books have been added to the public library during the year and 4882 books and 1050 magazines have been circulated. There is a gain of 215 over last year in the number of those who have taken books, and 712 more books have been circulated.

WARREN.

The schools commence Monday after two weeks' vacation.

D. E. Graves is doing a lively business in bicycles this spring.

The annual firemen's ball will be held in the town hall April 18th.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. Richards at Hotel Ramsdell this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shumway spent Sunday in Springfield, the guest of Mr. J. K. Makepeace.

W. P. Canning, who has been ill for two weeks, is able to resume his duties at the pump works.

Messrs. Edward Lombard and Marcus Burroughs have returned from a trip to Washington, D. C.

Daniel Hitchcock, proprietor of the *Warren Herald*, will start next week for a few weeks' visit in the South.

The warrant for the annual meeting of the Congregational parish has been posted, and the meeting will be held Tuesday night.

Rev. W. B. Oleson preaches at Spencer this evening for the series of Lenten services being held in the Congregational church.

The high school Athletic Association will give an entertainment in the town hall this evening, "The Old Virginia Concert Co.," and a farce entitled "Lady Lawyer."

The funeral of Charles H. Washburn was held at his late home on Maple street Monday afternoon. Mr. Washburn was ill only about a week. A wife and one daughter, Mrs. Tuttle survive him.

Lenten services have been held at the Universalist church this week with preaching by the following clergymen: Monday evening, Dr. Charles Conklin; Tuesday, Rev. E. O. Downey; Wednesday, Rev. C. C. Connor; Thursday, Rev. F. A. Fischer.

A citizens' caucus was held Tuesday evening. The ticket nominated showed few changes from the present officers. The principal interest in election centers in the license question, but with public sentiment among the business men and better class of residents strongly opposed, it is hardly deemed possible that the town can take a backward step from its previous record. William H. Warren was chosen chairman and J. G. Hastings clerk. The following nominations were made: Clerk and treasurer, Charles B. Blair; selectman, Charles N. Shepard; assessor, Frank E. Gleason; overseer of poor, S. Newell Cutler; board of health, Dr. Charles E. Perkins; school committee for three years, John E. Dalton, George A. Moody, Frank E. Gleason; school committee for one year, Mrs. Frances D. Traverse; auditors, Harvey S. Ellis, John W. Tyler, Fred W. Kimball; tax collector, George L. Butler; constables, Edward J. Boylan, John Collins, W. A. Putnam, H. B. Smith, C. L. Thompson; cemetery commissioner Joseph G. Hastings.

The warrant for town meeting has been posted and is an extra long one, containing 31 articles. B sides the usual articles there is one to see if the town will give the free use of the town hall to the Grand Army for Memorial Day; to the Firemen's Relief Association for one night; to the Rural Improvement Society for one evening yearly and to the schools for entertainments. The overseers of the poor ask for money for plumbing at the almshouse and for an addition to the stock barn. The question of buying a fire alarm system will be discussed, and money is asked for building railings on roads, for erecting a building for the road machinery, for a building for the hook and ladder truck No. 2 at West Warren, and a sum of money is asked for the permanent improvement of roads, to be equally expended in Warren and West Warren. The matter of a discount on taxes if paid on or before a certain time will come up, and the question of the town obtaining corporative surety bonds for its officers will be discussed. Another article is regarding the disposal of surface water on Pleasant street which flows onto the land of the Boston and Albany railroad.

Don't Bake Unless You Choose To.

If you dislike to bake bread, or if there comes a time when you do not feel like it, don't labor under the delusion that you must do so in order to have bread that is fit to eat. You can get a superior article in this line at Foley's, in Palmer. Yes, we know you will say that it is "baker's bread," and that it is full of holes and not fit to eat. That may be true of the ordinary bakery product, but not so with the kind we offer. It is as near home-made bread as can be and still not be made at the home. It is made with milk, and stays nice and moist, not drying up the moment it is cut, like the ordinary bake-shop loaf. It is made in the cleanest manner, and will always be found uniform and nice. The sales of it are increasing every day—that's a pretty good evidence that it is all right and pleasing those who try it. Try it yourself next time you have to buy a loaf of bread. A fine line of cookies and doughnuts from the same manufacturer can also be found; the latter are never greasy; try them.

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We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

C. A. LeGro, Palmer. O. P. Allen, Palmer
Fred M. Royce, Wales. G. L. Keeney, Monson
G. H. Stratton, Monson.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Converse avenue. 47-tf Inquire of W. W. LEACH, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—Pure blood Buff Cochin cockerels and pullets. L. E. CHANDLER, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—The farm, stock, farming utensils, etc., of the late L. L. Squier, located in the west part of Monson. 50-3

FOR SALE.—Extra large double bed and dressing table; in good condition. Will sell cheap for cash. M. SCOTT FRENCH, Palmer. 41-tf

TO RENT.—Two 6-room tenements in Cross Block. Inquire of F. F. MARCY or D. L. BODFISH.

FOR SALE.—One two-seated carriage, one good express wagon. Also cheap buggy. 51-tf GEO. A. KEITH, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—Oak writing desk, lounge, easy chairs, center table, oak chamber set. 49-tf Inquire at LEGRO'S DRUG STORE.

LOST.—In Palmer, a Ladies' small black watch; initials on back, "M. S. P." Finder please leave at JOURNAL Office. 51-1 C. L. PECK.

WANTED.—Quarrymen and laborers at once to work on new Hospital buildings. Apply to ARCHIE RANKIN, 51-1 Weeks House, Palmer.

TO RENT in Three Rivers, a good house, formerly owned by Louis F. Hubert. Grand chance to keep hens. 31-tf D. F. HOLDEN, Palmer, Mass.

WANTED.—20 stitchers on W. & G. straw machines immediately. Good pay and steady work. THE H. W. GOODMAN CO., 50-2 North Dana, Mass.

TO RENT.—Tenement of 7 rooms on Central street. Furnace heat, both hot and cold water, desirable location. Inquire of 32-tf H. W. McGREGORY, Palmer.

Mrs. Ida Grenier,
GENERAL TRAINED NURSE,
Three Rivers, Mass., at residence Dr. Fournier. Telephone 2-4.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Frank R. Lawton, late of Palmer, in the County of Hampden, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payments to 50-3 ABBIE J. LAWTON, Adm. Palmer, Mass., March 10th, 1900.

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Men's Storm Rubbers, sizes 8 to 11, 75c value,
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Little Gents' School Shoes, sizes 9½, 10½, 11, 13 and 13½, marked down from $1.00 to
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Dainty soft-soled shoes, blue, pink, white, brown or black,
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We shall send out no cards for this event, but make our invitation cordial and far-reaching through the newspaper columns. All who attend shall have our cheerful assistance in seeing all the new hats. Come and bring your friends.

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FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 23, 1900.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

Town Report Figures.

The selectmen have closed up their books for the year, and from them the following figures are gleaned: The treasurer's report shows total expenditures of $49,588, with a balance of $254 79 on hand. The income of the water works was $3988, of which $980 was used to pay interest on bonds, $1901 was paid on water commissioners' orders and $1107 transferred to the town account. The town's debt has been decreased $4397.89 during the year, the town's indebtedness at present being $48,096. There are trust funds amounting to $3650 in the hands of the treasurer. The selectmen and overseers of the poor have drawn orders as follows: Outdoor poor, $1534; town farm, $706; miscellaneous, $2141; town hall, $788; state aid, $734; military aid, $72; street lighting, $1548; G. A. R. post, $100; library, $300; discount on taxes, $1275; painting town hall and farm buildings, $174; fire department, $247; cemetery account, $979; sidewalks, $913; schools—teachers' salaries and tuition, $6998; supplies, $777; fuel, $501; janitor service, $463; repairs, $613; transportation, $403; Monson Academy for high school tuition, $2549; incidentals, $198; superintendent, $1050; school committee, $150. There are outstanding school bills amounting to $199. The net cost of the town farm for the year was $605 60; the whole number of inmates was 23; average 17 1-5; cost per week for each inmate, exclusive of interest on taxes, 67 6-10 cents. There are bills due the town amounting to $2684, and bills due from the town amounting to $469. The cost of the highways was $5001, of which $2000 went to repair the damage done by the storm of last August, $500 for the winter storms and $600 for bridges.

Fire Department Notes.

Chief Engineer Needham gives the following report of fires for the year 1899: Five fires have been investigated, but only three alarms: March 22, a fire at the Monson House, damage $50; March 23, at S. F. Cushman's, $53.50; May 7, Sterry Converse's house, $500; June 30, Miss Candace B. Gates's barn, $150; Joseph Fahey's shed, $75. Loss on buildings, $725; loss on contents, $153 50; total, $878.50. The fire department will ask for an appropriation of $700 for the coming year. It will be necessary to purchase new hose both for the chemicals and the water. In looking up the records of the department it was found that the first attempt at starting an organization was in 1887, when the late A. A. Gage was appointed chief by the selectmen, and a committee was chosen by vote of the town to purchase the two chemicals. The hose purchased has been in use since that time. The other two members of the board of engineers were R. P. Cushman and the late Frederick Fay. A. D. Norcross was chief in '89, '90 and '91; in '92 D. B. Needham was elected and has held the office since. In '95 1600 feet of 2½ inch hose were bought and No. 1 engine house was built; No. 2 house was erected in '97. The town has never been asked to spend an exhorbitant amount for the department, and it is thought that there will be no unwillingness to appropriate the sum asked for at this time.

Republican Caucus Nominations.

The Republicans held their caucus in Memorial Hall last evening with 115 present. The call was read by R. H. Cushman; C. W. King was chosen chairman of the meeting and C. A. Bradway clerk; R. H. Cushman and F. E. Severy were appointed counters. These are the nominations: Town clerk, C. M. Gage; treasurer, T. L. Cushman; tax collector, Ralph Clifford; selectmen and overseers of the poor, A. D Norcross, O. C. McCray, G. H. Foskit; assessors, R. S. Stebbins, D. B. Needham, W. H. Anderson; school committee, W. L. Ricketts, R. S. Stebbins; water commissioner, Rufus Fay; cemetery comissioner, F. E. Morris; constables, O. P. Holdridge, M. L. Miller, H. D. Osborne, T. J. Sault, G. W. Seymour; fence viewers, Lee Blanchard, H. A. Rindge; auditors, R. P. Cushman, L. C. Flynt.

Death of Walter Decatur.

Walter Decatur, 28, of Palmer, died at the home of E. L. Perrin on Bridge street Saturday morning of tubercular meningitis. He had been under a physician's care for several months, but until within two weeks had been employed as porter at the Converse House in Palmer. He was confined to the house less than a week. The funeral was held at Mr. Perrin's house on Tuesday afternoon and the burial was in the Center cemetery. Mr. Decatur was the son of John M. and Elizabeth A. (Maloney) Decatur, and was born in Nashua, N. H. He leaves a brother.

Mrs. E. F. Morris is suffering from an attack of the grippe.

F. L. Bliss 2d spent Sunday with his parents in Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holdridge have a daughter, born Wednesday.

The Democratic caucus will be held in Memorial Hall this evening.

The meeting of the Fortnightly club will be held next Friday evening.

Miss Effie Aldrich has been confined to the house by illness the past week.

Misses Jennie and Bessie E. Sutcliffe returned this week from a visit at Athol.

Merriman Noble has moved his family from Green street to the Branch village.

George A. Needham of Brooklyn spent Tuesday with his sister, Mrs. G. C. Flynt.

The Judd Cady farm and stock in Gray Hollow will be sold at auction next Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. A. A. Babbitt has spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Ricketts, at Manchester, Ct.

The last quarterly conference for the year will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday at 3 p. m.

The W. R. C. will meet next Wednesday evening, and it is expected that two candidates will be admitted.

F. J. Sherman, superintendent of schools, has been confined to the house several days this week with the grippe.

The University Extension Association center will meet Wednesday at the residence of F. J. Sherman at South Monson.

Mark Noble has a new mill which will be used in cutting the timber on the lot which he recently purchased of Fred Peck.

Rev. O G. Petrie of Palmer will be the preacher at the Lenten service in the Universalist church next Tuesday evening.

The Monson orchestra will furnish music for the Easter Monday concert and ball to be given by the hook and ladder company.

Mrs. Lorenzo Hutchinson returned Saturday from Mansfield, where she spent the week with her son, Dr. A. T. Robinson.

The street railway company has adopted the white pole system of stopping the cars, and the poles were painted Wednesday.

E. J. Hughes has rented the center store in the Dunham block and will open a pool room, where cigars and tobacco will be sold.

Keefe Bros., who have been cutting wood on the Stiles lot, have moved to the Rindge lot which the Flynt Granite Co. has bought.

Misses Holmes and Anderson are expected home from the South next Thursday. They write that they are having a very pleasant time.

Registration will close at 10 p. m. tomorrow. The registrars will be in session from noon until that hour in the selectmen's room.

Miss Huldah J. Fuller of Silver Street and Joseph Hazard of Richmond, R. I., were married Saturday by Rev. C. W. Haines of Palmer.

Mr. Mulvey of Orcuttville, Ct., who has a position in Ellis's mill, has moved his family into the Ellis' cottage at South Monson.

The physicians report that genuine grippe has been more prevalent during the past two or three weeks than for some time previous.

The play of "Breezy Point" will be given at Academy hall this evening by the Philomathean society under the direction of A. D. Norcross.

M. M. Poole reports finding a hen's egg which measured 7½ by 9 inches, in which was another egg of full size and perfect in every way.

The members of the Hi Henry Jr. minstrels had a supper at the Monson House last Saturday evening which was enjoyed by about 30 persons.

Dr. J. P. Rand attended the quarterly meeting of the Homeopathic society of Western Mass. in Springfield Wednesday, and was reelected censor.

The selectmen viewed the Stewart avenue extension and Reynolds's avenue Wednesday with a view to asking the town to accept them, but reached no decision.

The ice-covered rockery on Mrs. W. N Flynt's grounds is a beautiful sight, though perhaps not as beautiful as last year, owing to the scarcity of water early in the season.

S. F. Cushman and S. F. Chshman Jr., and Miss Hattie F. Cushman returned Saturday from the South. Miss Hattie remained in Southern Pines, N. C., while her father and brother went to Florida.

A stranger who attempted to board a moving electric car Wednesday morning may not want to try it again right away. Judging from appearances he must have been somewhat shaken up.

Ex-Postmaster Herlihy is suffering from an attack of rheumatism. He is able to move about a little now, though the first of the week he was confined to his bed. His little son, who has been sick, is much better.

Rev. C. C. Connor will preach at the Universalist church Sunday morning on "Judgments that are just." The subject at the Christian Union meeting in the evening is, "My favorite Bible character. Why?"

T. H. Todd moved his household goods this week to Northampton, where he has recently located in business. Mr. and Mrs. Todd will be greatly missed by a large number of friends. Mrs. Todd and the children go next week.

John B Koehne, who is giving a series of addresses at the midweek Lenten services in the Congregational church, will speak next Thursday evening upon "The Apostolic Church." The invitation for the meeting Sunday evening is, "Come for Service."

L. W. Rood returned yesterday from a two-weeks' trip in the eastern part of the state, visiting during the time a sister in New Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. Howard in East Boston, Leander Fozzy, Campello and C. L. Stiles in Dorchester, all former Monson people.

The Old Folks' concert which was to have been given in the Methodist church next week has been postponed on account of the recent orders from the bishops that all Methodists churches shall observe the last week in March as "a season of abstinence and prayer."

Misses M. and M. Gavin will hold their millinery opening Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. While they have put in no new lines of goods they have a larger stock than heretofore, and will make an exceptionally fine display, and invite the ladies of Monson and vicinity to call.

Harry Lummis, son of Rev. Harry Lummis, a former pastor of the Monson Methodist church, died last week at Los Angeles, Cal. He was a newspaper writer and considered a promising young man. He had been in failing health for some time before his death. He was about 31 years old.

There is talk that Monson may vote license at the coming election. A man recently sized the situation after this fashion, referring to those who are reported to be selling liquor now: "They are whimpering like whipped curs. They charge 15 cents a bottle for beer and kick because the boys go to Palmer where they can get it for 10 cents."

Misses L. and E. Williams are to have their millinery opening next Friday and Saturday. They have taken one window for a few weeks in the store formerly occupied by T. H. Todd, as they need more room in which to display their Easter goods. They will present to each customer trading a dollar's worth, a ticket good for one electric car ride.

Monson Odd Fellows held a pleasant social in their hall Monday evening. The entertainment was much enjoyed, and consisted of selections by the Monson orchestra, violin solos by Miss Nelson and Mr. Moulton, and singing by C. F. Orcutt. Card games were played. This is the first social given by the lodge this year, and marks the ninth anniversary of its institution.

The stone arch bridge proposition has fallen by its own weight. Stone arches for Monson are back numbers. The flood of '99 carried away among others one from the spot where it has now been suggested to put in another, and no one can be found this week who enthusses over building it. The present iron bridge was placed about 21 years ago, and is good for a long time yet.

An Old Folks' concert will be given in the M. E church next Monday evening at 8, with this program:

Organ Voluntary, Miss Day.

Song of the Old Folks, Burns
Bridgewater, Edson
Old Northfield, Ingalls
Reading. R. E. Shaw.

Violin Solo, Miss Nelson.

Before Jehovah's Awful Throne, Madaw
Sherburne, Reed
Reading, Nellie Beckwith.

New Jerusalem, Ingalls
Invitation, Kimball
Complaint, Parmeter
Reading, Miss Moulton.

Solo, Mrs. Todd.

Majesty, Billings
Strike the Cymbal, Pucitta
Reading, Miss Nelson.

Anthem for Easter, Billings
Russia, Reed
Old Hundred.

N. B. All those who are so much blessed as to have goode lungs are expected to stande up and help sing ye last hymne.

HAMPDEN.

The house occupied by Herman Ritcher and owned by Mrs. Thomas Dalton caught fire last Friday morning from a defective chimney. The fire started in the ceiling and was put out with a few pails of water, no serious damage being done.

WILBRAHAM.

The winter term at the Academy will close to-morrow.

A survey has been recently made of Main street and it was found that the street is 80 feet above Armory hill in Springfield.

A meeting of the Farmers' Club will be held Monday evening with James Richards. "Should the farmer sell all his produce direct to the consumer?" will be the subject discussed.

Miss Dora Merrick, who accompanied her mother, Mrs. A. L. Merrick, to the New England Hospital in Boston, has returned to her home, the operation on Mrs. Merrick having been successful.

The young men of the Academy gave a gymnastic exhibition in Smith memorial gymnasium Saturday evening. The school and about 100 invited guests were present, and the program was very successfully carried out. The military marching, heavy gymnastics and tumbling were especially good.

LUDLOW.

Some time in April the Sons of Temperance will present the play, "The Noble Outcast," in Joy's hall.

Moses Stone had both his feet badly frozen last Saturday night while intoxicated. He had been to Springfield, and returning home late entered a house on Main street and laid down in the hallway with his feet hanging over the doorsill. When awakened in the morning he complained of his feet and a doctor was called, who found that they were badly frozen, and it is feared that both of them will have to be amputated.

After a long illness Charles D. Benware, 55, died Tuesday morning at his home on East street. He was a native of Mooers Forks, N. Y., where he spent the early part of his life and learned the jeweler's trade. He came to Ludlow about eight years ago and kept a jewelry store in the post-office block. A widow, one daughter, Mrs. J. Superneau, and one son, Charles H., survive him. The body was taken to Mooers Forks Wednesday evening for burial.

WALES.

H. E. Shaw lost a valuable Jersey cow this week.

Charles G. Thompson is on the sick list with grippe.

Schools will commence next Monday with two new teachers in the Centre.

H. E. Steele has a hired colored servant from Atlanta, Georgia; she arrived this week.

William Smith, 88, died Tuesday at the home of W. G. Parker, where he had made his home for several years.

H. A. McFarland is suffering from a severe cold contracted last Saturday, resulting in lumbago of the back, and grippe. He has been confined to his home ever since.

The body of Miss Laura Moore of Brimfield, aged about 40, was brought here for burial this week. She was born in Wales and had lived here the most of her life. She had been confined to her bed eleven years with spinal trouble and had been a great sufferer, but bore it patiently, never complaining. She was a member of the Baptist church here, and an earnest consistent Christian.

BELCHERTOWN.

Miss Bridgman and Miss Baxter will return to Belchertown for the summer the first of April.

Cyril Gingrass, a member of the wholesale house of Hamlin & Co., and well known in Belchertown, was found frozen to death in Quebec March 3 The day before there was a severe blizzard and Mr. Gingrass evidently lost his way.

Rev. Leon E. Bell, pastor of the Methodist church and the church at Dwight, announced Sunday that his pastorate would close at the end of the year, April 1 A business meeting of the Dwight church was held after the service and it was unanimously voted to ask Mr. Bell to stay another year. During his pastorate the membership of the Dwight church has nearly doubled.

The adjourned town meeting was held Monday with G. H. B. Greene moderator. It was voted to appropriate $150 for a concrete walk and sewer in South Belchertown, and the road on New street as laid out by the selectmen was accepted. The locating of a voting precinct in the south part of the town was indefinitely postponed, and the article regarding the discount on taxes was passed over. The salary of the tax collector was fixed at $100

Philippine Soldier Buried.

The body of Benjamin R Fairchilds, son of R E. Fairchilds, who died in the Philippines, arrived in Belchertown Saturday afternoon and the funeral was held Monday afternoon in the Congregational church, Rev. C. H. Smith of Plymouth, Ct., officiating The male quartet sang several selections, among them "Rock of Ages," which was the favorite hymn of the dead soldier. There were many beautiful floral offerings, and the casket was draped with the flag. The bearers were H. A. Hopkins, Bert Fellows, David Hoag, Henry Hoag, Ransome Morse and Clarence Shaw. Members of the Relief Corps and Grand Army attended in a body. In his remarks Mr. Smith spoke of Horace Parsons, a classmate and friend of young Fairchilds, who also lost his life during the Spanish war.

WARE.

Miss Mamie MacMahon is ill with scarlet fever.

Dr. D. W. Ainsworth is seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia.

John F. Connor has gone to Washington, D. C., with an excursion party.

The Ware Grange will give an exhibition in the Congregational church at Ware Center soon.

Superintendent E. E. Orrell of the Otis Company has moved his family from the Storra House, where they have been spending the winter, to their home on Church street.

Miss Annie Murphy, 29, died last Friday morning after a long illness. A father, mother, two sisters and a brother survive her. The funeral was held in All Saints' church Sunday afternoon.

Perry Dunham and Miss Margaret Bolton were married Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Samuel Barrett of Gilbertville at the home of the bride on South street. Miss Mary Bolton, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Arthur Goodfield was best man.

Thomas Tiffany, B. F. Buckley, John Fitzgerald and George Martin attended the championship basketball game at Worcester Monday evening. The second game in the series between the Thorndikes and Wares will be played in the town hall at Ware this evening.

Miss Sarah Bement of Augusta, Me., and her brother, Captain F. F. Bement of South Wales, Great Britain, visited Mr. and Mrs. Everett W. Ingalls the first of the week. Mr. Bement is captain of an ocean liner now in Brooklyn harbor, where it is being laden preparatory to starting for Manila.

Ware Town Officers Nominations.

The Ware Republican and Democratic caucuses were held last Friday evening, the attendance at each being smaller than usual. With the exception of the nomination for a member of the board of health, which lay between William Metcalf and J. A. Gendron, the latter winning in both caucuses, there were no contests, which accounted for the small number present. There were 115 votes cast at the Republican caucus and 131 at the Democratic, with the following results:

Republican caucus—Chairman, H. K. Hyde; secretary, E. I. Freeburn; nominations, moderator, L. N. Gilbert; selectmen, H. F. Barnes, H. M. Coney, Frank Hills; town clerk and treasurer, A. F. Richardson; assessors, A. A. Auger, C. E. Blood, E. P. Morse; school committee for three years, F. D. Gilmore; water commissioner for three years, J. A. Byrns; overseer of the poor for three years, A. G. Blodgett; tax collector, F. W. Farrar; board of health for three years, J. A. Gendron; auditors, T E. Haley, A. E. Newcomb; constables, J. B. Beauchemin, A. M. Ramsdell, T. H. Rennuson, H. N. Fisherdick; cemetery commissioner for three years, J. H. G. Gilbert.

Democratic caucus—Chairman, Edward O. Deery; secretary, James H. Feehan; nominations, moderator, Lewis N. Gilbert; selectmen, Henry F. Barnes, Frank Hills, George D. Storrs; town clerk and treasurer, Almer F. Richardson; assessors, A. A. Auger, M. W. Buckley, E. T. Morse; school committee for three years, F. D. Gilmore; water commissioner for three years, J. A. Byrns; overseer of the poor for three years, J. T. Casey; tax collector, Thomas Naylor; board of health for three years, Joseph A. Gendron; auditors, T. E. Haley, A. E. Newcomb; constables, J. B. Beauchemin, Maurice Fitzgerald, Patrick Fitzgerald, T. H. Rennison; cemetery commissioner for three years, H. G. Gilbert.

The Crucifixion of Philip Strong.

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world be saved cheaply? Does not every soul cost an immense sum, if not of money at least of an equivalent? Is it possible for us to get at the heart of the great social problem without feeling the need of using all our powers to solve it rightly?"

Mr. Winter shook his head. He did not understand the minister. His action and his words were both foreign to the mill owner's regular business habits of thought and performance.

"What will you do, Mr. Strong, if the church refuses to listen to this proposed plan of yours?"

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"I suppose," answered Philip after a little pause, "the church will not object to my living in another house at my own charges?"

"They have no right to compel you to live here." Mr. Winter turned to the other members of the committee. "I said so at our previous meeting. Gentlemen, am I not right in that?"

"It is not a question of our compelling Mr. Strong to live here," said one of the others. "It is a question of the church's expecting him to do so. It is the parsonage and the church home for the minister. In my opinion it will cause trouble if Mr. Strong moves out. People will not understand it."

"That is my belief, too, Mr. Strong," said Mr. Winter. "It would be better for you to modify or change or, better still, to abandon this plan. It will not be understood and will cause trouble."

"Suppose the church should rent the parsonage then," suggested Philip. "It would then be getting a revenue from the property. That, with the thousand dollars on my salary, could be wisely and generously used to relieve much suffering in Milton this winter. The church could easily rent the house."

That is true, as the parsonage stood on one of the most desirable parts of B street and would command good rental.

"Then you persist in this plan of yours, do you, Mr. Strong?" asked the third member of the committee, who had for the most part been silent.

"Yes, I consider that under the circumstances, local and universal, it is my duty. Where I propose to go is a house which I can get for $8 a month. It is near the tenement district and not so far from the church and this neighborhood that I need be isolated too much from my church family."

Mr. Winter looked serious and perplexed. The other trustees looked dissatisfied. It is evident they regarded the whole thing with disfavor.

Mr. Winter rose abruptly. He could not avoid a feeling of anger in spite of his obligation to the minister. He also had a vivid recollection of his interview with the pastor in that study. And yet he struggled with the vague resistance against the feeling that Philip was proposing to do a thing that could result in only one way—of suffering for himself. With all the rest went a suppressed but conscious emotion of wonder that a man would of his own free will give up a luxurious home for the sake of any one.

"The matter of reduction of salary, Mr. Strong, will have to come before the church. The trustees cannot vote to accept your proposal. I am very much mistaken if the members of Calvary church will not oppose the reduction. You can see how it would place us in an unfavorable light."

"Not necessarily, Mr. Winter," said Philip eagerly. "If the church will simply regard it as my own great desire and as one of the ways by which we may help forward our work in Milton, I am sure need have no fear of being put in a false light. The church does not propose this reduction. It comes from me and in a time of peculiar emergency, both financial and social. It is a thing which has been done several times by other ministers."

"That may be. Still, I am positive Calvary church will regard it as unnecessary and will oppose it."

"It will not make any difference practically," replied Philip, with a smile. "I can easily dispose of a thousand dollars where it is needed by others more than by me. But I would prefer that the church would actually pay out the money to them rather than myself."

Mr. Winter and the other trustees looked at Philip in wonder, and with a few words of farewell they left the parsonage.

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Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady, in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamnick & Co. of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at C. A. LeGro's drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

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Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved,—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by C. A. LeGro. Guaranteed.

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All doctors told Renick Hamilton of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five bottles of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on earth, and the best Salve in the world. 25 cents a box. Sold by C. A. LeGro.

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Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c at C. A. LeGro's drug store.

Spring Styles at Brigham's.

A group of stunning New York ladies are ushering in the first showing of spring styles at Brigham's Springfield store and their reception in the elegant display windows is one of the sights of Main street. Brigham's windows have always elicited the admiration of everyone who has occasion to pass the store, for they are really Metropolitan in appearance.

The recent addition of five handsome figures, creations of the famous sculptor in wax, Gustav Schmidt of New York, affords D. H. Brigham & Co. opportunities for displaying their elegant goods which few houses in the country enjoy. These new figures represent the highest type of the art of moulding in wax in this country and they are wonderfully life-like. These elegant window ladies are now gowned in the nobbiest and finest of spring suits, up-to-date fashion-plates, moulded true to life.

Besides this costly addition to Brigham's equipment for displaying their goods, the store has just been completely rehabilitated in the anticipation of spring trade. Beautiful plate-glass showcases for the display of silk waists have been put in, cozy and attractively fitted up, retiring rooms for trying on garments have been provided and new furnishings and store accessories have been added for the convenience of patrons and to facilitate the showing of their stock which is larger and handsomer than ever.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN, ss. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Jonathan P. Webber, late of Brimfield, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Charles M Webber of Monson and Fred M. Webber of Palmer, both in said County, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, on the fourth day of April, A. D. 1900, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

56-3 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

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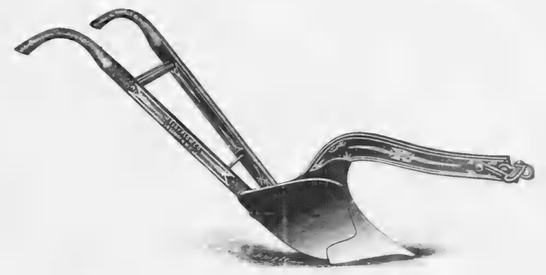

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1 bbl. Very Best Bread Four,	4.35
1 bbl. Very Best St. Louis Flour,	4.15
4 lbs. Very Best Dates,	.25
1 lb. package Seeded Raisins,	.12
1 lb. package Cleaned Currants,	.09
1 can Little Neck Clams,	.10
2 cans Best Red Salmon,	.25
1 lb. Java Coffee,	.20
1 lb. Our Blended Black Tea.	.50
1 lb. Good Black Tea,	.35
10 lbs. Gran. Yellow Corn Meal,	.20
10 lbs. Rye Meal,	.25
8 lbs. Rolled Oats,	.25
1 2-lb. package Quaker Oats,	.10
1 gal. Best Porto Rico Molasses,	.45
1 gal. Good Porto Rico Molasses,	.35
1 gal. Best Sugar Syrup,	.50
10 bars Dome Soap,	.25
Good Will Soap,	4c a bar
1 package Royal Soap Powder (worth 10c.),	.06
1 Glass Tumbler Jelly or Jam (worth 10c.),	.06
1 qt. Best Mix Pickles,	.10
1 lb. Pure Lard,	.08
1 lb. Bacon Pork,	.08

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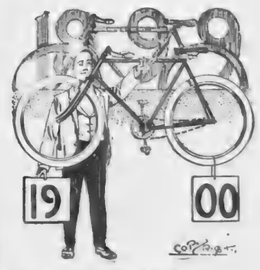

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THE CRUCIFIXION OF PHILIP STRONG.

By REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON,
Author of "In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?" "Malcom Kirk," "Robert Hardy's Seven Days," Etc.

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CHAPTER XI.

"I heard your sermon this morning," said Philip's guest while Mrs. Strong was removing the small table to the dining room.

"Did you?" asked Philip, because he could not think of anything wiser to say.

"Yes," said the strange visitor simply. He was so silent after saying this one word that Philip did what he never was in the habit of doing. He always shrank back sensitively from asking for an opinion of his preaching from any one except his wife. But now he could not help saying:

"What did you think of it?"

"It was one of the best sermons I ever heard. But somehow it did not sound sincere."

"What?" exclaimed Philip almost angrily. If there was one thing he felt sure about, it was the sincerity of his preaching. Then he checked his feeling as he thought how foolish it would be to get angry at a passing tramp who was probably a little out of his mind. Yet the man's remark had a strange power over him. He tried to shake it off as he looked harder at him. The man looked over at Philip and repeated gravely, shaking his head, "Not sincere."

Mrs. Strong came back into the room, and Philip motioned her to sit down near him while he said, "And what makes you think I was not sincere?"

"You said the age in which we lived demanded that people live in a far simpler, less extravagant style."

"Yes, that is what I said. I believe it, too," replied Philip, clasping his hands over his knee and gazing at his singular guest with earnestness. The man's thick white hair glistened in the open firelight like spun glass.

"And you said that Christ would not approve of people spending money for flowers, food and dress on those who did not need it when it could more wisely be expended for the benefit of those who were in want."

"Yes. Those were not my exact words, but that was my idea."

"Your idea. Just so. And yet we have had here in this little lunch, or, as you called it, a 'bite of something,' three different kinds of meat, two kinds of bread, hothouse grapes and the richest kind of milk."

The man said all this in the quietest, calmest manner possible, and Philip stared at him, more assured than ever that he was a little crazy. Mrs. Strong looked amused and said, "You seemed to enjoy the lunch pretty well." The man had eaten with a zest that was redeemed from greediness only by a delicacy of manner that no tramp ever possessed.

"My dear madam," said the man, "perhaps this was a case where the food was given to one who stood really in need of it."

Philip started as if he had suddenly caught a meaning from the man's words which he had not before heard in them.

"Do you think it was an extravagant lunch then?" he asked, with a very slight laugh.

The man looked straight at Philip and replied slowly, "Yes, for the times in which we live!"

A sudden silence fell on the group of three in the parlor of the parsonage, lighted up by the soft glow of the coal fire. No one except a person thoroughly familiar with the real character of Philip Strong could have told why that silence fell on him instead of a careless laugh at the crazy remark of a half witted stranger tramp. Just how long the silence lasted he did not know; only, when it was broken, he found himself saying:

"Man, who are you? Where are you from? And what is your name?"

His guest turned his head a little and replied: "When you called me in here, you stretched out your hand and called me 'brother.' Just now you called me by the great term, 'man.' These are my names. You may call me 'Brother Man.'"

"Well, then, 'Brother Man,'" said Philip, smiling a little to think of the very strangeness of the whole affair, "your reason for thinking I was not sincere in my sermon this morning was because of the extravagant lunch this evening?"

"Not altogether. There are other reasons." The man suddenly bowed his head between his hands, and Philip's wife whispered to him: 'Philip, what is the use of talking with a crazy man? You are tired, and it is time to put out the lights and go to bed. Get him out of the house now as soon as you can."

The stranger raised his head and went on talking just as if he had not broken off abruptly.

"Other reasons. In your sermon you tell the people they ought to live less luxuriously. You point them to the situation in this town where thousands of men are out of work. You call attention to the great poverty and distress all over the world, and you say the times demand that people live far simpler, less extravagant lives. And yet here you live yourself like a prince. Like a prince," he repeated after a peculiar gesture, which seemed to include not only what was in the room, but all that was in the house.

Philip glanced at his wife as people do when they suspect a third person being out of his mind and saw that her expression was very much like his own feeling, although not exactly. Then they both glanced around the room.

It certainly did look luxurious, even if not princely. The parsonage was an old mansion which had once belonged to a wealthy but eccentric sea captain. He had built to please himself, something after the colonial fashion, and large square rooms, generous fireplaces, with quaint mantels and tiling and hard wood floors gave the house an appearance of solid comfort that approached luxury. The church in Milton had purchased the property from the heirs, who had become involved in ruinous speculation and parted with the house for a sum little representing its real worth. It had been changed a little and modernized, although the old fireplaces still remained, and one spare room, an annex to the house proper, had been added recently. There was an air of decided comfort, bordering on luxury, in the different pieces of furniture and the whole appearance of the room.

"You understand," said Philip, as his glance traveled back to his visitor, "that this house is not mine. It belongs to my church. It is the parsonage, and I am simply living in it as the minister."

"Yes, I understand. You, a minister, are living in this princely house while other people have not where to lay their heads."

Again Philip felt the same temptation to anger steal into him, and again he checked himself at the thought: "The man is certainly insane. The whole thing is simply absurd. I will get rid of him. And yet"—

He could not shake off a strange and powerful impression which the stranger's words had made upon him. Crazy or not, the man had hinted at the possibility of an insincerity on his part which made him restless. He determined to question him and see if he really would develop a streak of insanity that would justify him in getting rid of him for the night.

"Brother Man," he said, using the term his guest had given him, "do you think I am living too extravagantly to live as I do?"

"Yes, in these times and after such a sermon."

"What would you have me do?" Philip asked the question half seriously, half amused at himself for asking advice from such a source.

"Do as you preach that others ought to."

Again that silence fell over the room. And again Philip felt the same impression of power in the strange man's words.

The "Brother Man," as he wished to be called, bowed his head between his hands again, and Mrs. Strong whispered to her husband: "Now it is certainly worse than foolish to keep this up any longer. The man is evidently insane. We cannot keep him here all night. He will certainly do something terrible. Get rid of him, Philip. This may be a trick on the part of the whisky men."

Never in all his life had Philip been so puzzled to know what to do with a human being. Here was one, the strangest he had ever met, who had come into his house; it is true he had been invited, but once within he had invited himself to stay all night and then had accused his entertainer of living too extravagantly and called him an insincere preacher. Add to all this the singular fact that he had declared his name to be "Brother Man" and that he spoke with a calmness that was the very incarnation of peace, and Philip's wonder reached its limit.

In response to his wife's appeal Philip rose abruptly and went to the front door. He opened it, and a whirl of snow danced in. The wind had changed, and the moan of a coming heavy storm was in the air.

The moment that he opened the door his strange guest also arose, and putting on his hat he said, as he moved slowly toward the hall: "I must be going. I thank you for your hospitality, madam."

Philip stood holding the door partly open. He was perplexed to know just what to do or say.

"Where will you stay tonight? Where is your home?"

"My home is with my friends," replied the man. He laid his hand on the door, opened it and had stepped one foot out on the porch when Philip, seized with an impulse, laid his hand on his arm, gently but strongly pulled him back into the hall, shut the door and placed his back against it.

"You cannot go out into this storm until I know whether you have a place to go to for the night."

The man hesitated curiously, shuffled his feet on the mat, put his hand up to his face and passed it across his eyes with a gesture of great weariness.

Philip stood holding the door partly open.

There was a look of loneliness and of unknown sorrow about his whole figure that touched Philip's keenly sensitive spirit irresistibly. If the man was a little out of his right mind, he was probably harmless. They could not turn him out into the night if he had nowhere to go.

"Brother Man," said Philip gently, "would you like to stay here tonight? Have you anywhere else to stay?"

"You are afraid I will do harm. But, no. See. Let us sit down."

He laid his hat on the table, resumed his seat and asked Philip for a Bible. Philip handed him one. He opened it and read a chapter from the prophet Isaiah, and then, sitting in the chair, bowing his head between his hands, he offered a prayer of such wonderful beauty and spiritual refinement of expression that Mr. and Mrs. Strong listened with awed astonishment.

When he had uttered the amen, Mrs. Strong whispered to Philip: "Surely we cannot shut him out with the storm. We will give him the spare room."

Philip said not a word. He at once built up a fire in the room and in a few moments invited the man into it.

"Brother Man," he said simply, "stay here as if this were your own house. You are welcome for the night."

"Yes, heartily welcome," said Philip's wife, as if to make amends for any doubts she had felt before.

For reply the "Brother Man" raised his hand almost as if in benediction. And they left him to his rest.

CHAPTER XII.

In the morning Philip knocked at his guest's door to waken him for breakfast. Not a sound could be heard within. He waited a little while and then knocked again. It was as still as before. He opened the door softly and looked in.

To his amazement, there was no one there. The bed was made up neatly, everything in the room was in its place, but the strange being who had called himself "Brother Man" was gone.

Philip exclaimed, and his wife came in.

"So our queer guest has flown! He must have been very still about it. I heard no noise. Where do you suppose he is? And who do you suppose he is?"

"Are you sure there ever was such a person, Philip? Don't you think you dreamed all that about the 'Brother Man?'" Mrs. Strong had not quite forgiven Philip for his skeptical questioning of the reality of the man with the lantern who had driven the knife into the desk.

"Yes, it's your turn now, Sarah. Well, if our 'Brother Man' was a dream he was the most curious dream this family ever had, and if he was crazy he was the most remarkable insane person I ever saw."

"Of course he was crazy. All that he said about our living so extravagantly!"

"Do you think he was crazy in that particular?" asked Philip in a strange voice. His wife noticed it at the time, but its true significance did not become real to her until afterward. He went to the front door and found it was unlocked. Evidently the guest had gone out that way. The heavy storm of the night had covered up any possible signs of footsteps. It was still snowing furiously.

Philip went into his study for the forenoon as usual, but he did very little writing. His wife could hear him pacing the floor restlessly.

About 10 o'clock he came down stairs and declared his intention of going out into the storm to see if he couldn't settle down to work better.

He went out and did not return until the middle of the afternoon. Mrs. Strong was a little alarmed.

"Where have you been all this time, Philip? In this terrible storm too! You are a monument of snow. Stand out here in the kitchen while I sweep you off."

Philip obediently stood still while his wife walked around him with a broom and good naturedly submitted to being swept down, "as if I were being worked into shape for a snow man," he said.

"Where have you been? Give an account of yourself."

"I have been seeing how some other people live. Sarah, the 'Brother Man' was not so very crazy after all. He has more than half converted me."

"Did you find out anything about him?"

"Yes; several of the older citizens here recognized my description of him. They say he is harmless and has quite a history; was once a wealthy mill owner in Clinton. He wanders about the country, living with any one who will take him in. It is a queer case. I must find out more about him. But I'm hungry. Can I have a bite of something?"

"Haven't you had dinner?"

"No; haven't had time."

"Where have you been?"

"Among the tenements."

"How are the people getting on there?"

"I cannot tell. It almost chokes me to eat when I think of it."

"Now, Philip, what makes you take it so seriously? How can you help all that suffering? You are not to blame for it."

"Maybe I am for a part of it. But whether I am or not there the suffering is. And I don't know that we ought to ask who is to blame in such cases. At any rate, supposing the fathers and mothers in the tenements are to blame themselves by their own sinfulness, does that make innocent children and helpless babes any warmer or better clothed and fed? Sarah, I have seen things in these four hours' time that make me want to join the bomb throwers of Europe almost."

Mrs. Strong came up behind his chair as he sat at the table eating and placed her hand on his brow. She grew more anxious every day over his growing personal feeling for others. It seemed to her it was becoming a passion with him, wearing him out, and she feared its results as winter deepened and the strike in the mills remained unbroken.

"You cannot do more than one man, Philip," she said, with a sigh.

"No, but if I can only make the church see its duty at this time and act the Christlike way a great many persons will be saved." He dropped his knife and fork, wheeled around abruptly in his chair and faced her with the question. 'Would you give up this home and be content to live in a simpler fashion than we have been used to since we came here?"

"Yes," replied his wife quietly. "I will go anywhere and suffer anything with you. What is it you are thinking of now?"

"I need a little more time. There is a crisis near at hand in my thought of what Christ would require of us. My dear, I am sure we shall be led by the spirit of truth to do what is necessary and for the better saving of men."

He kissed his wife tenderly and went up stairs again to his work. All through the rest of the afternoon and in the evening, as he shaped his church and pulpit work, the words of the "Brother Man" rang in his ears and the situation at the tenements rose in the successive panoramas before his eyes. As the storm increased in fury with the coming darkness, he felt that it was typical in a certain sense of his own condition. He abandoned the work he had been doing at his desk, and kneeling down at his couch he prayed. Mrs. Strong, coming up to the study to see how his work was getting on, found him kneeling there and went and knelt beside him, while together they sought the light through the storm.

So the weeks went by, and the first Sunday of the next month found Philip's Christ message even more direct and personal than any he had brought to his people before. He had spent much of the time going into the workingmen's houses. The tenement district was becoming familiar territory to him now. He had settled finally what his own action ought to be. In that action his wife fully concurred. And the members of Calvary church, coming in that Sunday morning, were astonished at the message of their pastor as he spoke to them from the standpoint of modern Christ.

"I said a month ago that the age in which we live demands a simpler, less extravagant style of living. I did not mean by that to condemn the beauties of art or the marvels of science or the products of civilization. I merely emphasized what I believe is a mighty but neglected truth in our modern civilization—that if we would win men to Christ we must adopt more of his spirit of simple and consecrated self denial. I wish to be distinctly understood as I go on that I do not condemn any man simply because he is rich or lives in a luxurious house, enjoying every comfort of modern civilization, every delicacy of the season and all physical desires. What I do wish distinctly understood is the belief, which has been burned deep into me ever since coming to this town, that if the members of this church wish to honor the Head of the church and bring men to believe him and save them in this life and the next they must be willing to do far more than they have yet done to make use of the physical comforts and luxuries of their homes for the blessing and Christianizing of this community. In this particular I have myself failed to set you an example. The fact that I have so failed is my only reason for making this matter public this morning.

"The situation in Milton today is exceedingly serious. I do not need to prove it to you by figures. If any business man will go through the tenements, he will acknowledge my statements. If any woman will contrast those dens with her own home, she will, if Christ is a power in her heart, stand in horror before such a travesty on the sacred thought of honor. The destitution of the neighborhood is alarming. The number of men out of work is dangerous. The complete removal of all sympathy between the church up here on this street and the tenement district is sadder than death. Oh, my beloved"—Philip stretched out his arms and uttered a cry that rang in the ears of those who heard it and remained with some of them a memory fo. years—"these things ought not so to be! Where is the Christ spirit with us? Have we not sat in our comfortable houses and eaten our pleasant food and dressed in the finest clothing and gone to amusements and entertainments without number while God's poor have shivered on the streets and his sinful ones have sneered at Christianity as they have walked by our church doors?

"It is true we have given money to charitable causes, it is true the town council has organized a bureau for the care and maintenance of those in want, it is true members of Calvary church, with other churches at this time, have done something to relieve the immediate distress of the town, but how much have we given of ourselves to those in need? Do we reflect that to reach souls and win them, to bring back humanity to God and the Christ, the Christian must do something different from the giving of money now and then? He must give a part of himself. That was my reason for urging you to move this church building away from this street into the tenement district, that we might give ourselves to the people there. The idea is the same in what I now propose. But you will pardon me if first of all I announce my own action, which, I believe, is demanded by the times and would be approved by our Lord."

Philip stepped up nearer the front of the platform and spoke with an added earnestness and power which thrilled every hearer. A part of the great conflict through which he had gone that past month shone out in his pale face and found partial utterance in his impassioned speech, especially as he drew near the end. The very abruptness of his proposition smote the people into breathless attention.

"The parsonage in which I am living is a large, even luxurious, dwelling. It has nine large rooms. You are familiar with its furnishings. The salary this church pays me is $2,000 a year, a sum which more than provides for my necessary wants. What I have decided to do is this: I wish this church to reduce this salary one-half and take the other thousand dollars to the fitting up the parsonage for a refuge for homeless children or for some such purpose which will commend itself to your best judgment. There is money enough in this church alone to maintain such an institution handsomely and not a single member of Calvary suffer any hardship whatever. I will move into a house nearer the lower part of the town, where I can more easily reach after the people and live more among them. That is what I propose for myself. It is not because I believe the rich and the educated do not need the gospel or the church. The rich and the poor both need the life more abundantly. But I am firmly convinced that as matters now are the church membership through pulpit and pew must give itself more than in the later ages of the world it has done for the sake of winning men. The form of self denial must take a definite, physical, genuinely sacrificing shape. The church must get back to the apostolic times in some particulars and an adaptation of community of goods and a sharing of certain aspects of civilization must mark the church membership of the coming twentieth century. An object lesson in self denial large enough for men to see, a self denial that actually gives up luxuries, money and even pleasures—this is the only kind that will make much impression on the people. I believe if Christ was on earth he would again call for this expression of loyalty to him. He would again say, 'So likewise whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.'

"All this is what I call on the members of this church to do. Do I say that you ought to abandon your own houses and live somewhere else? No. I can decide only for myself in a matter of that kind. But this much I do say: Give ourselves in some genuine way to save this town from its evil wretchedness. It is not so much your money as your own soul that the sickness of the world needs. This plan has occurred to me: Why could not every family in this church become a savior to some other family, interest itself in the other, know the extent of its wants as far as possible, go to it in person, let the Christian home come into actual touch with the un-Christian—in short, become a natural savior to one family? There are dozens of families in this church that could do that. It would take money. It would take time. It would mean real self denial. It would call for all your Christian grace and courage, but what does all this church membership and church life mean if not just such sacrifice? We cannot give anything to this age of more value than our own selves. The world of sin and want and despair and disbelief is not hungering for money or mission schools or charity balls or state institutions for the relief of distress, but for live, pulsing, loving Christian men and women who reach out live, warm hands, who are willing to go and give themselves, who will abandon if necessary, if Christ calls for it, the luxuries they have these many years enjoyed in order that the bewildered, disheartened, discontented, unhappy, sinful creatures of earth may actually learn of the love of God through the love of man. And that is the only way the world ever has learned of the love of God. Humanity brought that love to the heart of the race, and it will continue so to do until this earth's tragedy is all played and the last light put out. Members of Calvary church, I call on you in Christ's name this day to do something for your Master that will really show the world that you are what you say you are when you claim to be a disciple of that one who, although he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, giving up all heaven's glory in exchange for all earth's misery, the end of which was a cruel and bloody crucifixion. Are we Christ's disciples unless we are willing to follow him in this particular? We are not our own. We are bought with a price."

When that Sunday service closed, Calvary church was stirred to its depths. There were more excited people talking together all over the church than Philip had ever seen before. He greeted several strangers as usual and was talking with one of them, when one of the trustees came up and said the board would like to meet him, if convenient for him, as soon as he was at liberty.

Philip accordingly waited in one of the Sunday school classrooms with the trustees, who had met immediately after the sermon and decided to have an instant conference with the pastor.

CHAPTER XIII.

The door of the classroom was closed, and Philip and the trustees were together. There was a moment of embarrassing silence, and then the spokesman for the board, a nervous little man, said:

"Mr. Strong, we hardly know just what to say to this proposition of yours this morning about going out of the parsonage and turning it into an orphan asylum. But it is certainly a very remarkable proposition, and we felt as if we ought to meet you at once and talk it over."

"It's simply impossible," spoke up one of the trustees. "In the first place, it is impracticable as a business proposition."

"Do you think so?" asked Philip quietly.

"It is out of the question!" said the first speaker excitedly. "The church will never listen to it in the world. For my part, if Brother Strong wishes to"—

At that moment the sexton knocked at the door and said a man was outside very anxious to see the minister and have him come down to his house. There had been an accident or a fight or something. Some one was dying and wanted Mr. Strong at once. So Philip hastily excused himself and went out, leaving the trustees together.

The door was hardly shut again when the speaker who had been interrupted jumped to his feet and exclaimed:

"As I was saying, for my part if Brother Strong wishes to indulge in this eccentric action he will not have the sanction of my vote in the matter. It certainly is an entirely unheard of and uncalled for proposition."

"Mr. Strong has no doubt a generous motive in this proposed action," said a third member of the board, "but the church certainly will not approve any such step as the giving up of the parsonage. He exaggerates the need of such a sacrifice. I think we ought to reason him out of the idea."

"We called Mr. Strong to the pastorate of Calvary church," said another, "and it seems to me he came under the conditions granted in our call. For the church to allow such an absurd thing as the giving up of the parsonage to this proposed outside work would be a very unwise move."

"Yes, and more than that," said the first speaker, "I want to say very frankly that I am growing tired of the way things have gone since Mr. Strong came to us. What business has Calvary church with all these outside matters, these labor troubles and unemployed men and all the other matters that have been made the subject of preaching lately? I want a minister who looks after his own parish. Mr. Strong does not call on his own people. He has not been inside my house but once since he came to Milton. Brethren, there is a growing feeling of discontent over this matter."

There was a short pause, and then one of the members said:

"Surely if Mr. Strong feels dissatisfied with his surroundings in the parsonage or feels as if his work lay in another direction he is at liberty to choose another parish. But he is the finest pulpit minister we ever had, and no one doubts his entire sincerity. He is a remarkable man in many respects."

"Yes, but sincerity may be a very awkward thing carried too far. And in this matter of the parsonage I don't see how the trustees can allow it. Why, what would the other churches think of it? Calvary church cannot allow anything of the kind for the sake of its reputation. But I would like to hear Mr. Winter's opinion. He has not spoken yet."

The rest turned to the mill owner, who, as chairman of the board, usually had much to say and was regarded as a shrewd and careful business adviser. In the excitement of the occasion and discussion the usual formalities of a regular board meeting had been ignored.

Mr. Winter was evidently embarrassed. He had listened to the discussion of the minister with his head bent down and his thoughts in a whirl of emotion both for and against the pastor. His naturally inclined business habits contended against the proposition to give up the parsonage. His feelings of gratitude to the minister for his personal help the night of the attack by the mob rose up to defend him. There was with it all an undercurrent of self administered rebuke that the pastor had set the whole church an example of usefulness. He wondered how many of the members would voluntarily give up half their incomes for the good of humanity. He wondered in a confused way how much he would give up himself. Philip's sermon had made a real impression on him.

"There is one point we have not discussed yet," he said at last, "and that is Mr. Strong's offer of half his salary to carry on the work of a children's refuge or something of that kind."

"How can we accept such an offer? Calvary church has always believed in paying its minister a good salary and paying it promptly, and we want our minister to live decently and be able to appear as he should among the best people," replied the nervous little man who had been first to speak.

"Still, we cannot deny that it is a very generous thing for Mr. Strong to do. He certainly is entitled to credit for his unselfish proposal. No one can charge him with being worldly minded," said Mr. Winter, feeling a new interest in the subject as he found himself defending the minister.

"Are you in favor of allowing him to do what he proposes in the matter of the parsonage?" asked another.

"I don't see that we can hinder Mr. Strong from living anywhere he pleases if he wants to. The church cannot compel him to live in the parsonage."

"No, but it can choose not to have such a minister!" exclaimed the first speaker again excitedly, "and I for one am most decidedly opposed to the whole thing. I do not see how the church can allow it and maintain its self respect."

"Do you think the church is ready to tell Mr. Strong that his services are not wanted any longer?" asked Mr. Winter coldly.

"I am, for one of the members, and I know others who feel as I do if matters go on in this way much longer. I tell you, Brother Winter, Calvary church is very near a crisis. Look at the Goldens and the Malverns and the Albergs. They are all leaving us, and the plain reason is the nature of the preaching. Why, you know yourself, Brother Winter, that never has the pulpit of Calvary church heard such preaching on people's private affairs."

Mr. Winter colored and replied angrily: "What has that to do with this present matter? If the minister wants to live in a simpler style, I don't see what business we have to stop it. As to the disposition of the parsonage, that is a matter of business which rests with the church to arrange."

The nervous, irritable little man who had spoken oftenest rose to his feet and exclaimed: "You can count me out of all this, then. I wash my hands of the whole affair." And he went out of the room, leaving the rest of the board somewhat surprised at his sudden departure.

They remained about a quarter of an hour longer discussing the matter, and finally, at Mr. Winter's suggestion, a committee was appointed to go and see the minister the next evening and see if he could not be persuaded to modify or change his proposition made in the morning sermon. The rest of the trustees insisted that Mr. Winter himself should act as chairman of the committee, and after some remonstrance he finally, with great reluctance, agreed to do so.

So Philip next evening, as he sat in his study mapping out the week's work and wondering a little what the church would do in the face of his proposal, received the committee, welcoming them in his bright, hearty manner. He had been notified on Sunday evening of the approaching conference. The committee consisted of Mr. Winter and two other members of the board.

Mr. Winter opened the conversation with considerable embarrassment and an evident reluctance for his share in the matter.

"Mr. Strong, we have come, as you are aware, to talk over your proposition of yesterday morning concerning the parsonage. It was a great surprise to us all."

Philip smiled a little. "Mrs. Strong says I act too much on impulse and do not prepare people enough for my statements. But one of the greatest men I ever knew used to say that an impulse was a good thing to obey instantly if there was no doubt of its being a right one."

"And do you consider this proposed move of yours a right one, Mr. Strong?" asked Mr. Winter.

"I do," replied Philip, with quiet emphasis. "I do not regret making it, and I believe it is my duty to abide by my original decision."

"Do you mean that you intend actually to move out of this parsonage?" asked one of the other members of the committee.

"Yes." Philip said it so quietly and yet so decidedly that the men were silent a moment. Then Mr. Winter said:

"Mr. Strong, this matter is likely to cause trouble in the church, and we might as well understand it frankly. The trustees believe that as the parsonage belongs to the church property and was built for the minister he ought to live in it. The church will not understand your desire to move out."

"Do you understand it, Mr. Winter?" Philip put the question point blank.

"No, I don't know that I do wholly." Mr. Winter colored and replied in a hesitating manner.

"I gave my reasons yesterday morning. I do not know that I can make them plainer. The truth is I cannot go on preaching to my people about living on a simpler basis while I continue to live in surroundings that on the face of them contradict my own convictions. In other words, I am living beyond my necessities here. I have lived all my life surrounded by the luxuries of civilization. If now I desire to give these benefits to those who have never enjoyed them or to know from nearer contact something of the bitter struggle of the poor, why should I be hindered from putting that desire into practical form?"

"The question is, Mr. Strong," said one of the other trustees, "whether this is the best way to get at it. We do not question your sincerity nor doubt

"You can count me out of all this, then."

your honesty, but will your leaving the parsonage and living in a less expensive house on half your present salary help your church work or reach more people and save more souls?"

"I am glad you put it that way," exclaimed Philip, eagerly turning to the speaker. "That is just it. Will my proposed move result in bringing the church and the minister into closer and more vital relations with the people most in need of spiritual and physical uplifting? Out of the depths of my nature I believe it will. The chasm between the church and the people in these days must be bridged by the spirit of sacrifice in material things. It is in vain for us to preach spiritual truths unless we live physical truths. What the world is looking for today are object lessons in self denial on the part of Christian people."

For a moment no one spoke. Then Mr. Winter said:

"About your proposal that this house be turned into a refuge or home for homeless children, Mr. Strong, do you consider that idea practicable? Is it business? Is it possible?"

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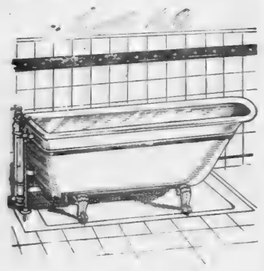

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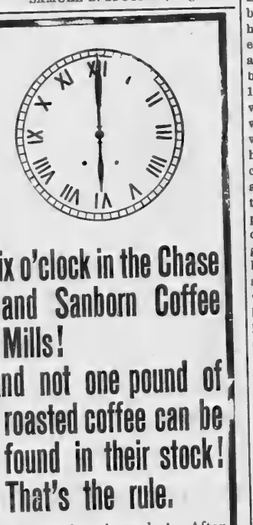
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Charles M Webber of Monson and Fred M. Webber of Palmer, both in said County, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, on the fourth day of April, A. D. 1900, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L. LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

50-3 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.



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Theodore Reynolds, 56, died at his home in Monson at 6.30 last evening after an illness of about five weeks. He was confined to his bed less than two weeks, and was able to transact business this week. Yesterday afternoon a tumor was removed from his throat. While his recovery was not expected, his death at the time was not looked for. The news was a shock to his townspeople, many of whom did not know that his condition was critical. His niece, Miss Holmes, returned from a Southern trip during the afternoon, and was the only relative with him in his last hours. The funeral will be at his late home at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Theodore Reynolds was born in Monson October 31, 1843, the son of Joseph L. and Oral (Munn) Reynolds, and a descendent in the eighth generation of William Reynolds, whose name is prominent in the records of the Providence Plantations, R. I., in 1637. His maternal ancestors were among the first settlers of Massachusetts Joseph L. Reynolds came to Monson when a young man and engaged in manufacturing at South Monson, being one of the firm known as the Hampden Cotton Manufacturing Company at what is called the "Old" mill, built in 1814. In 1846 the mill was remodeled for the purpose of making woolen goods. In 1859 Mr. Reynolds built another mill, which was burned in 1886. On this site now stands the so-called "New" mill. Mr. Reynolds died in 1885, having amassed a large fortune, which upon the death of his wife in 1891 fell to his two sons, Rice Munn and Theodore. They were educated in the public schools and Academy, and were early associated with their father in business. They established some 20 years ago a coal business at South Monson, which was quite lucrative. R. M. was leader. His will was law, and Theodore was very different in disposition. He was far happier in his home with his rare books, works of art, his plants, his dog and his cat than in active affairs. He was however very systematic in all money matters, and kept all accounts very carefully. His brother's sad death, which occurred April 2, 1898, was a great blow to him, and one from which he never recovered. All business with which either or both were connected was shut down as soon as practicable, and has not been resumed. Mr. Reynolds never cared for office, but was interested in town affairs. He was a Mason and a member of the Universalist congregation. His only public gift of large proportions was a share of the $25,000 which the Reynolds family gave towards building Memorial Hall, but he gave liberally to the churches and responded generously to the many calls to which those in his station are subject. At his death he is said to have the first dollar he ever possessed, and at the age of 21 he was worth $25,000.

Mr. Reynolds's library contains many rare and beautiful books, of which may be mentioned the Bakersville Bible; Cotton Mather's Magnalia Christi; the Mathew Bible, 1549; the Breeches Bible, 1607; the Unremburg Chronicle, 1493; a Genevan Testament; Brevarium Romanium of the 12th Century, printed by hand on vellum and beautifully illuminated with gold and colors; Fox's Book of Martyrs, three folio volumes, black letter, 1641; Latimer's Sermons, 1571, and a small copy, black letter, 1549; elegantly bound volumes of Shakespeare and the Story of Nell Gwynne. Many of his books were procured in England, and he was in constant correspondence with English booksellers. Mr. Reynolds's love for rare books was well known, but comparatively few people know of his very interesting collection of playing cards, comprising those of many nations as well as many unique styles of our own, from the Chinese cards scarcely an inch wide and perhaps four inches long, to the beautifully embossed pack presented to him by Mrs. Van Rensselier of New York, who has written a book which is considered an authority on this subject. Mr. Reynolds's plants were a source of great pleasure to him. There stands in his house a fern the equal of which one seldom sees for size and beauty; a Sago palm is also to be seen there, as well as a number of other varieties more or less common. While Mr Reynolds was the owner of several fine horses he seldom drove but two of them himself; when a young man however he was fond of driving a pair. Mr. Reynolds never married, and since his mother's death he had continued to live at the family homestead, a large, pleasantly situated house, to which he has made several additions. Mr. Reynolds has never entertained largely, but his friends were always welcome at his home. He lived within himself, giving few people his confidence, and after his brother's death this trait was more pronounced than before. He was a pleasant man to meet, was just in his dealings, and his death is regretted by a large circle of friends. He leaves a half-brother, Eli Whitney Reynolds of Medford, also a niece, Miss Esther R. Holmes, who is his only Monson relative.

Barns Burned at Palmer Center.

Fire was discovered in the large barns at Palmer Center owned by George King early Sunday morning by Pearl Bacon. The fire was well under way when discovered and burned rapidly, and the buildings were soon totally destroyed. The barn was occupied by Mr. Harrington, who succeeded in removing his horse but lost part of his harness, all of his grain and two bales of hay. A mowing machine, horse rake, two-seated carriage, one-horse cart and several other things belonging to G. W. Lent were also burned. The loss is estimated at $500. It is believed by many that the fire was started by someone who had a grudge against Mr. Lent, and that something was put on to make the fire burn so rapidly.

$100 FOR DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

W. C. T. U. Gets That Sum From Good Templars Lodge.

FUND FOR FOUNTAIN NOW COMPLETE.

When the Good Templars Flourished in Palmer. Its Organization and Some of Its Members.

A few of the remaining members of Anchor of Hope Lodge of Good Templars met at the home of Mrs. Maria Lawrence on Main street Monday evening in response to a call issued last week, and listened to a report of the treasurer. This showed that there was $96 in the treasury, and by a unanimous vote it was turned over to the W. C. T. U. for its drinking fountain fund, the sum being made up to an even hundred by members present. This contribution completes the sum necessary for the fountain itself. There will be some incidental expenses connected with the setting, which the W. C. T. U. feels sure will be duly met.

The advertisement in last week's JOURNAL calling a meeting of the former members of the lodge was perhaps the first intimation to some that such an organization ever existed in town, for it has been a number of years since regular meetings have been held, but to many people it recalled the time when the organization flourished and did good work. Anchor of Hope lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, was organized about 35 years ago, the movement being fostered by Dr. E B Lyon, then a practicing physician of Palmer, now of New Britain, Conn; he found able seconds in Mr. and Mrs. William Merriam, still residents here. The first meeting for organization was held in the Baptist church, but permanent quarters were soon engaged in the present grammar school building on Park street, where there was an unused room. When this was needed for school purposes the lodge moved to the third floor of the bank block on Church street, where it grew and flourished. The organization found hearty support and a large membership at once; in its palmy days it had an average of from 60 to 75 active members, the number at one time running as high as 125. It flourished for about 15 years, and then meetings were suspended for a time, to be revived spasmodically later until about 15 years ago, since which time it has ceased to exist so far as active work was concerned. There was a sum in the treasury at this time, which was added to from time to time as furniture and other belongings were sold, which was carefully banked and the interest allowed to accumulate. It was this sum which was on Monday evening given to the W. C. T. U. to help along a cause common to both organizations.

During its life the lodge numbered many men and women well known in Palmer life and affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Merriam furnished the room in which the society first held its meetings, but when they later removed from town a nominal sum was paid for the furniture, etc., at the lodge's wish, so that they might own it, although Mr. and Mrs. Merriam wished to make them a gift of it; Mrs. Maria Lawrence was also one of the first members, and an earnest and active worker always; Dr. E. G. Wood, and later his son, E. J. Wood, and wife, J. A. Palmer, the late G. W. Randall, C. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Shearer, H. G. Trumble, W. P. Webster, J. A. Hawkes and many others were among the members and workers. The rooms in the bank block were the scene of many a social gathering by the order, and much good was accomplished by it. One instance is recalled by Mr. Merriam of a man who for five years was an active member of the lodge, and during that time lived a sober and industrious life, though both before and after that could not be said of him. This is only one of numerous which might be related.

WARE OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Almshouse Project Defeated. Appropriations of Over $93,000 Made.

Ware's annual town meeting and election of officers was held Monday, and the old selectmen and assessors were reelected, although the contest was much closer than was expected. Frederick W. Farrar defeated Thomas Naylor for tax collector by 484 votes, and John T. Casey was elected overseer of the poor by a large majority. The attendance at the meeting was the largest for several years, and 1092 votes were cast, 14 of them being votes of women for school committee. The business meeting was held in the afternoon from 1 to 6, and the most important matter discussed was regarding a new almshouse. The recommendation was made by the committee that $25,000 be appropriated for a new one. This was opposed by J. H. Schoonmaker, who said that he considered the proposed structure not only too expensive, but unnecessary, and the proposition was defeated, the vote being 178 to 29. George E. Tucker, J. H. G. Gilbert, P. J. Downey, Daniel E. Nolan, Joseph Dumas Jr, Henry K. Hyde and F. D. Gilmore were appointed the committee on appropriations. Following are the officers elected and appropriations made:

Moderator, Lewis N. Gilbert; clerk and treasurer, Almer F. Richardson; selectmen, Frank Hills, Henry F. Barnes, George D. Storrs; overseer of the poor, John T. Casey; assessors, M. W. Buckley, Charles E. Blood, Edward P. Morse; school committee, Frederick D. Gilmore; auditors, Thomas E. Haley, Arthur E. Newcomb; collector, Frederick W. Farrar; constables, Maurice Fitzgerald, John B. Beauchmin, A. Myron Ramsdell, Thomas H. Rennison; water commissioner for three years, James A. Byrne; cemetery commissioner for three years, J. H. G. Gilbert. Appropriations — Schools, $26,500; cemeteries, 700; library, 1000 and dog fund; county and state tax, 11,000; paupers, 3000; highways and bridges, 6500; sidewalks, 1000; military aid, 1175; police, 3200; salaries, 3400; street lights, 3600; public use of water, 500; sewers and drains, 300; town debt, 14,350; interest, 2500; Memorial Day, 150; contingent account, 1900; miscellaneous, 3100; discount on taxes, 3000; board of health, 500; total, 93,975. Liquor license: Yes, 603; no, 391.

Depot Village Sewer.

The article asking for a three-foot sewer from Central street in the Depot village to the river via Commercial street, is likely to take some time in the settling. That there is need of a larger sewer between Central and Walnut streets is apparent. The one now in use is only 18 inches in diameter, and is expected to take the contents of two sewers, 10 and 15 inches in diameter, running from Church to Central, and a 15-inch sewer running through Central street; of course in times of heavy rains it is not nearly large enough to accommodate the water from the large drained by these three other sewers. There is now a three-foot brick sewer running from the manhole at the foot of Walnut street to and down Commercial street, and also a two-foot sewer from Walnut street through North Main. This carries the ordinary flow of sewage, but in times of large quantities of surface water the three-foot sewer is so arranged that it carries a portion of the surplus. One way out of the difficulty is proposed in the installation of another 18-inch pipe between Central and Walnut streets. Another suggestion is the construction of a three-foot brick sewer from Central to Walnut, to connect with the one already in. Then when the time comes that the latter sewer must be completed to the river, it will have to be some day, there will be so much of the work already done.

PASTOR MAY GO TO SPENCER.

Three Rivers Baptist Church May Lose Mr. Thomas.

UNANIMOUS CALL TO THE SHOE TOWN.

Has Been at Three Rivers Over Four Years, Is Well Liked and Has Done a Good Work.

There is a possibility that the Baptist church at Three Rivers may lose its pastor, Mr. E. A. Thomas, who has been with the church for the past four years. Mr. Thomas has received a call to the Baptist church at Spencer, and while nothing is known of his intention so far as any word from him is concerned, there is a pretty general feeling at Spencer that he will accept. The Spencer society has a pretty little ivy-covered brick building, and is out of debt. It has about 80 resident and 40 absent members. The salary offered is $800, and the call is unanimous.

Mr. Thomas first preached in Three Rivers in September, 1895, while a student. He was well liked from the first, and was soon given a call to the church, which he accepted in December 22 of that year. He is an eloquent preacher, and has been well liked. He is an earnest worker, and has endeared himself in many ways to his people, who will be sorry to lose him should he decide to accept the call extended to him. He has done much good during his stay in the town, and under him the various departments of church work have been quickened and strengthened. Last year the audience room of the church was remodeled and refurnished and decorated, and it is now one of the handsomest of the smaller churches in this vicinity. The work was planned by Mr. Thomas, and done under his personal supervision.

WAS A NERVY THIEF.

Walks off With an Overcoat While Two People Watch Him.

One of the boldest thefts which has taken place in this section for a long time occurred in the office of the Weeks House Wednesday evening at the supper hour, when Tom Gardner, a gentleman of color, deliberately appropriated an overcoat hanging on the wall among others; the coat was owned by Albert Wilson, who is engaged on the new epileptic hospital buildings. He discovered his loss soon after, and it was then learned that two persons saw Gardner take the coat, although they supposed it was his property. Gardner was apprehended yesterday morning at Monson by Deputy Sheriff Osborne, to whom a description of the fellow had been sent. He saw him leave the hotel and start for the railroad, and nabbed him. In court he pleaded guilty, but offered as an excuse that he had been on a three-weeks' spree and "entirely out o' ma haid, sub, 'deed I is; if yo' le' me go, yo' Honor, I 'gree to leabe town in five minits; yes sub, in five minits." To make sure that he stayed out of town for a time at lease Judge Leach sent him up for three months. Gardiner claimed to have worked for Lee Collins of North Wilbraham, and that he came from there on Wednesday. He said that he went into the hotel office but that no one came to him and asked him to stay to supper or paid any attention to him; he thought it over and concluded that, as it was a cold world outside he might as well be as warm as possible, so helped himself to the coat, which he would not have done had he been shown the attention usually accorded a would-be guest at a hotel.

RATHER A FAIRY TALE.

Peculiar Claim Set Up by Defendant in The District Court.

Judge Leach had before him Monday morning the case of Frank H. Brown, charged with malicious mischief in kicking down the door of a house at Fentonville occupied by F. G. Baker. Those present enjoyed immensely the story told by Brown, which for ingenuousness and artless setting forth could hardly be surpassed. Brown had been working for Baker for some time, but on Friday came to Palmer, returning in the evening quite abusive and determined to leave. During his exhibition of disagreeableness he struck both Mr. and Mrs. Baker, and they left the house with Brown in it. Later they returned and Brown let them in, he going out at the same time with his belongings. The Bakers say that they searched the place for other possessions of his but found none. Brown returned later in the evening and demanded admittance, saying that he had left a razor and other articles. The Browns declined to admit him, and say that he thereupon kicked the door down. Baker's story is to the effect that he was refused admittance and was standing outside when the door fell down; he heard a kick or blow on the door from the inside, but did not touch it himself; if it came down the damage must have been done by the Bakers on the inside. The story was too frail however to hang much weight to, and Brown was fined $20, which he could not pay and was sent up.

Churches Hold Meeting.

A meeting of the churches in this vicinity for spiritual communion and counsel was held in the Congregational church Tuesday, with three sessions. The churches in Palmer, Wilbraham, Ware, Monson, Warren and the Brookfields were invited, and most of them were represented. The subject of the day was "The power of the Spirit." The morning session was opened with a prayer service conducted by the Rev. Mr. Chute of Ware, followed by an address by Rev. Charles Olmstead of Three Rivers on "The power of the Spirit in Bible study," and one by Rev. A. E. Bassett on "The power of the Spirit in prayer and meditation," these being followed by a discussion. The afternoon session was begun with a prayer service conducted by Rev. Mr. Bassett; the addresses were by Rev. Charles Haines of Palmer on "The power of the Spirit in every day life," and by Rev. Mr. Beals of North Brookfield on "The power of the Spirit in work for others;" a discussion followed. In the evening there was a prayer meeting, followed by an address by Rev. F. S. Hatch on "Receiving the power."

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

BOSTON, March 28, 1900.

The Legislature is disposed to follow the advice of Governor Crane and let the liquor laws alone, as far as any relaxation goes. This has been brought out clearly this week in the action on the bill to amend the abuttor's objection law. It is a bill which was before the House last year and was defeated by a large vote. On the face of it there is a plea for it which is quite likely to catch a man who tries to be fair minded. The state, by licensing liquor-selling, thereby gives that business legal status. The abuttor's objection law says that if a person within 25 feet of the premises upon which it is proposed to exercise a liquor license objects to such exercise, then no license can be issued for that place. This law is for the protection of the public against liquor sellers. The complaint is that the law is used for blackmail: that abuttors make objection in order to be bought off. Hence the liquor sellers complain that they are victimized and they offered this bill to permit the local licensing board to override the objection of the abuttor when, in their judgment, public interest would not be injured. The feature of the case this year has been that the champion of the bill was Mr. Mills of Newburyport, a Congregational minister serving his fourth year in the House. He said that it appealed to his sense of justice. It was a hot debate and things were said on both sides which had better been left unsaid. The House voted against the bill by 48 yeas to 96 nays on the question of ordering to a third reading. So the governor is sustained.

The scorching report of the gypsy moth investigating committee has been referred to the committee on ways and means, because it contemplates the expenditure of $40,000 on the part of the state. Meantime, but little is said about it among the members. In some quarters there is the impression that the Legislature will sustain the committee. On the other hand, it does not appear what the agricultural interests will do. The report reflects severely upon the state board of agriculture, as far as it is responsible for the methods of the investigators, and bears down heavily upon the men who have been in direct oversight of the work, though it does not charge anything more than incompetency and an exaggerated opinion of the dangers from the gypsy moth. The report is written in anything but a judicial spirit, and will have less effect for that reason than it would have had if it had preserved a more evenly balanced frame of mind. While the committee finds that political considerations have entered into the selection of employes of the state board, yet the managers, in self-defense, retort that the members of the Legislature have themselves "laid down" on the board to give their friends a place to work. This has been done "from John L. Bates down," one man puts it. Hence if the Legislature finds that some employes have been appointed because of political friends behind them, it must remember that the greatest sin lies at its own door and that the managers have been obliged to do the best they could with the material furnished. Of course this committee report kills all possibility of help from the national government.

This Legislature is in danger of making a record for raising salaries, unless it acts with more caution. It has been more disposed to pass salary bills than most of the Legislatures of recent years. For the first time, too, for many years, a bill is pending to raise the salaries of members. It is impossible to tell how the matter will turn out, for great odium attaches to the men who vote to raise their own pay. In 1879, the black retrenchment year, the salaries of members were reduced to $500 for the session. But that was too severe a cut. Very soon efforts were made to raise the pay. The first bill put the stipend to $650, and in a short time it went to $750, where it has remained for a long time. Members dread to go on record on a salary bill for themselves. Well do I remember the speech of a Democratic senator in favor of the increase, using all the powers of argument to prove that they earned more money and ought to have it. But a roll-call drove him into his hole within five minutes and he went on record as opposed to the bill. Political reasons will probably prevent the passage of the bill this year, for it would be risky for the Republican party to go into the campaign under the burden of having voted itself an increase of pay. Democrats can vote for the bill and help its passage, but the Republicans must stand the responsibility of putting their own hands into the public treasury.

Massachusetts is not to have any official floral emblem, not this year, at least. Many petitions have been received asking the Legislature to decree that the trailing arbutus shall be the official flower of the Commonwealth, but the committee which heard the petitioners concluded unanimously that there was no need of such legislation and reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Probably parliament never voted that the shamrock should be the favorite Irish flower, but it seems to have just as strong a standing in the hearts of the people, just the same. This report leaves the golden-rod contingent to wear and agitate for their favorite, whereas it would have been a blow to them to have the Legislature declare for the arbutus.

The great matter before the Legislature continues to be the railroad problem, but it is impossible to say which way it will be settled. Prof. Edward W. Bemis made a strong plea for state ownership, and the counsel for the Albany road, Samuel Hoar, has done his best to counteract the argument for public ownership. Plenty of lobbyists are about the state house, but nothing has occurred to show how they have affected the minds of members. It is to be noted that some people are looking to the railroad commission as the means of solving the railroad problem by establishing popular supervision, with the commission to guard the interests of the people. All railroad opinion is in favor of the lease of the Albany road to the New York Central.

Two bills are pending for the compulsory use of wide tires on draft vehicles, but the committee on roads and bridges has not reported and it is not probable that any measure can pass. Too many selfish interests are involved with the present narrow tires to make the passage of a law at all an easy matter.

Virtue is not always its own reward, and a bill does not always find an easy passage because its object is good. This is illustrated once more in the case of the bill to prevent milk cans from being used by grocers and by families for holding molasses, kerosene and other substances which do not improve the taste of milk, and then being sent back to the farmers without washing. Such a bill as this was before the House Wednesday afternoon, but it found strong opposition. It might be thought that people had a right to take for promiscuous family use the cans which are left at their doors by the milkmen. But the milkmen and the farmers believe that they have property rights in those cans and that they have a right that they shall be returned without being practically spoiled. It is the fact that many are stolen every year by the customers, and this is a serious loss in the total. The bill was finally sent back to the committee to be put into shape, but it is not at all certain that it will succeed in going through.

This Legislature promises to be pretty solid against any repeal of the double taxation laws. The taxation committee does not show any favor for the pending bill to exempt personal property from double taxation and to give relief to holders of foreign stocks. There are a few members of the House who will stand with the Anti-Double Taxation League, but it does not look at all as if they were numerous enough to be formidable. On the other hand, it is not probable, judging from previous years, that the double doomage bill will ever get upon the books. It crowds the taxpayers too hard for that.

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FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 30, 1900.

PALMER NEWS.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Horses, cows and poultry for sale. C. D. Shepard, Foster farm, Thorndike road, Palmer.

SWINDLER AT WORK.

But He Gets Very Little Money Out of Palmer People.

The announcement in Wednesday morning's papers that a number of Springfield men had been swindled out of various sums by a smooth individual, with a description of his game, brought out the fact that the fellow had been working in Palmer. Just how much success he had is not known, but probably very little. He was soliciting money for the "Portland division No. 60 of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers," and was after any sum which the donor felt he wanted to contribute, but struck his intended victim for $10 as a starter. He had a book containing the names of numerous people in various parts of the state, many of them prominent in city and state matters, and exhibited it as a badge of his genuineness and the worth of his cause. He showed it to one Palmer man who recognized therein the name of an acquaintance in Worcester. He declined to make a contribution then, and on asking his Worcester acquaintance about the fellow when he next saw him found that he had never given the man a cent. He has departed for parts unknown, and is probably engaged in "working" some other community.

Death of Mrs. J. H. Haynes.

Lydia, 68, wife of John H. Haynes, died at her home on Knox street at 1 o'clock this morning, after a long illness. She had been an invalid for the past twenty years, being troubled with heart disease from an early age. This was hereditary, and her grandfather, father and brother died of this affliction. Although she had been ill long with heart disease, the immediate cause of her death was acute mania, which set in at 10.30 last night.

Her maiden name was Lydia Ann Walker and she was born at Dover, Vt., February 7, 1832. She was married to Mr. Haynes, who survives her, October 30, 1855, at Brattleboro, Vt., and afterwards lived for a time at Wilmington, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes moved to Palmer just twenty years ago to-day, and have made their residence here since that time. Two children were born to them, both of whom have died: Emma L., who was born October 30, 1858, and died March 30, 1888, and John A., who was born May 30, 1862 and died two years later.

The funeral will be held at the house on Knox street Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. B. Harrison of the Congregational church officiating. Interment will be in the family lot in the Thorndike street cemetery.

One Italian was naturalized in the district court on Tuesday.

Miss Josephine Brown has accepted a position in Amherst.

G. A. Moore has opened an optical store in the Commercial block.

Miss Nora Fitzpatrick of Stoughton is the guest of Miss Lula Dillon.

Miss Blanche Hastings of Vassar College is home on a short vacation.

Miss Mary Sedgwick has returned from a visit with friends in Brockton.

Miss Mignon Fuller has returned from an extended visit in Chatham, N. Y.

H. A. Northrop spent Sunday in Plymouth with his daughter, Mrs. C. M. Wing.

Mrs. Samuel Allen of Belchertown is a guest of G. A. Rice on Pleasant street.

Mrs. F. R. Lawton and daughter Pearl are visiting friends in Worcester and Ware.

The lecture by Hon. G. A. Gearhart will be given in the opera house this evening.

Mrs. G. A. Rice was called to Quaker City, N. H., yesterday by the death of a relative.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell is very sick with the grippe at her home in Silver Street.

J. Andrew Rogers of Barre, formerly of Palmer, was in town for a few hours yesterday.

Miss Georgia Flint of Taunton is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilkins on Pleasant street.

The schools of the town will close next Friday afternoon for an Easter recess of two weeks.

Mrs. C. A. Brown has been appointed administratrix of the estate of the late C. A. Brown.

Vernon H. Woolrich of Ohio is the guest of his parents at the Converse House for a few days.

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Owing to C. D. Shepard's removal from town he is disposing of the live stock and property on his farm on Thorndike street at private sale.

Daniel Connor, who has been under treatment at the hospital in Springfield for the past eleven weeks for appendicitis, has returned home.

W. E. Tuthill, A. D. Shaw and F. L. Dillon have resumed their studies at Brown University, after a vacation spent at their homes in town.

Rev. O. G. Petrie of the Universalist church, who has been granted a leave of absence by his parishioners, will leave Monday for Rutland.

There was a forest fire on the land north of the carpet mill and Dewey Hill Sunday, large volumes of smoke rolling up and floating off to the east.

An evening's readings from David Harum will be given in the opera house next Tuesday evening by Augustus Howell, humorist and impersonator.

Miss K. I. McMahon announces her millinery opening for next Wednesday and Thursday, and cordially invites the ladies of Palmer and vicinity to attend.

Mrs. Susan Coleman moved to-day from the Feeney block on Main street to the Davis house on State avenue, after a residence of eighteen years in the former tenement.

Miss Margaret Carey, who was injured in an accident at Haverhill last week, was removed to her home on Central street this week and is slowly improving from her painful injuries.

William T. Sargeant, employed for some time by the Flynt B. and C. Co. as a stenographer, has gone to Gastonia, N. C., in the employ of the company, which is constructing a large mill there.

The Dorcas Society of the Universalist church will hold its last meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the church vestry. A tea will be served the members at the close of the afternoon.

An item in a Hardwick, Vt., paper announces that A. E. Park of Brattleboro, formerly of Palmer, is at work on an automobile which he will have in operation very soon; it is to be run by a gasoline engine.

A number of Palmer and Monson people attended the Irving-Terry performance in Springfield last evening, going and returning by special train. Special electrics carried the Monson people home on their arrival in Palmer.

The street railway committee of the Legislature has reported "reference to the next Legislature" on the petition of the Palmer & Monson road for permission to lease or buy the plant of the Central Massachusetts Electric Company.

C. D. Shepard, who has been the superintendent of the Palmer and Monson Street Railway for the past two years, has taken a position as superintendent of construction with Fred T. Ley, contractor, of Springfield. Mr. Shepard will move his family to New Haven.

The first rehearsal for the Business Club's minstrel show was held Tuesday night in the opera house, and was well attended. The music is very pretty, and when the parts are all well in hand it is expected the presentation will be a credit to any amateur organization.

Last evening Rev. Charles Conklin of Springfield spoke on "The Golden Rule" at the Lenten service at St. Paul's church, and the service drew a large attendance. The concluding service in this series will be on next Thursday night, when Rev. C. G. Miller of Warren will preach.

The warrant for the annual fire district meeting will be found in another column. There are only two articles out of the usual run, to see if the district will raise and appropriate $150 for the purchase of new hose, and to see what action will be taken in regard to employing a fire patrol.

A number of the members of the Women's Relief Corps called on Miss Annie Fish last Friday evening and presented her with a handsome clock in token of their appreciation of the many services she had rendered that organization. Ice cream and cake were carried, and a very pleasant social time enjoyed.

There was a break in the Palmer Water Company's 6-inch main near Shearer's Corner last Friday afternoon. It was repaired on Saturday, and on Monday, while finishing up the job a careless workman drove the point of his pick through another section of pipe, which had to be taken out and a new one substituted.

The entertainment at the Eastern Star's pop corn and peanut social Tuesday evening was of a high order and furnished no little amusement. There was a character sketch by Miss Hattie Coleman, Fred Gunn and C. F. Grosvenor, dancing of the minuet by Miss Grace Thompson, and piano solos by Misses Jennie Bray and Annie Fish.

Mr. John F. Kyes of Worcester, the sketch artist, gave his lecture, "The human face," at the epileptic hospital on Wednesday evening. Mr. Kyes draws in a bold style before his audience in black and white and colors. He held the attention of the audience for an hour and a quarter, and gave a very useful and interesting lecture.

Miss Bertha M. Shepard, young people's secretary of the W. H. M. S., will speak to the Junior Endeavor society on mission work in Alaska in the Congregational church at 4 in the afternoon. The older people are also invited, and will find it interesting. All should go prepared to make a contribution. An Esquimeau suit will be on exhibition.

The quartette of the Congregational church, at the rehearsal last Saturday evening, presented H. W. McGregory, the leader for the past year, with a fine scarf pin composed of three handsome opals. Last Sunday was the last of the choir year, and none of the members of the quartette are to sing there the coming year. The presentation speech was made by C. F. Orcutt.

The largest audience ever in the Congregational church gathered Sunday night to hear the cantata, "The Holy City," by the choir, assisted by singers from Monson and Thorndike; over 600 were present. The cantata was finely rendered, and was thoroughly enjoyed. Many Monson people were in the audience, and a request has been made to have the cantata given there.

Rev. O. G. Petrie will speak on "The Imperial Christ" at the 5 o'clock vesper service on Sunday afternoon. He will occupy his pulpit Sunday morning for the last time previous to his vacation. The Men's class will consider on Sunday the question of "Labor unions, their aims, methods, successes and failures." The physical culture class will meet at 7 30 Monday evening in the chapel of the Universalist church.

Reports from some of the other villages of the town have it that an attempt is to be made at the annual town meeting next Monday to elect a superintendent of roads by those who do not like Mr. Brainerd's appointment. It is a very pretty scheme, and only lacks one slight feature to make it possible—the alteration of the state law. As the statute now stands the care of the highways is left to the selectmen unless the town votes to place them in the care of a highway surveyor to be elected by the town. If they do this, then at the next annual town election a highway surveyor can be elected by ballot, and not until then.

Collins Oakes, superintendent of the Wright & Colton wire mill, has moved his family into the Hastings tenement on Central street. Mr. Oakes has been employed by the Washburn & Moen Co. of Worcester for 21 years, leaving that concern about two months ago to enter the employ of the Wright & Colton Co. He was very popular with all his associates, and Saturday night 40 of his friends gave him a surprise visit at his home in Worcester. Two members of the party came to Palmer and delayed Mr. Oakes until evening, when they went to that city on a late train. Upon his arrival home he found his parlor well filled with guests, who left him a number of handsome presents.

The law is off trout April 1st, which comes on Sunday, consequently there will be little fishing except on the sly until Monday, as Sunday is a closed day in this state. The fishermen are not banking on very large catches on account of the drought last fall, but expect to get some, of course. Those who plan to get out the first day have been hunting for bait this week, and the small boy who knows a place where the frost is out of the ground and he can corral a nice lot of "wums" can find a ready market for them. One enthusiastic devotee of the rod, who never misses the first day of the season, is said to have fed and nourished a lot all winter in his cellar as to be sure of some good fat ones next Monday.

One of the sights of Monday afternoon on Main street was the sprint of a Monson man to catch an electric car. He started from one of the stores near the Commercial street switch with a little girl of some four or five years under his left arm, and frantically tore down the walk and across the street to the car at the south end of the switch, whistling as shrilly as his rapidly reducing breath would permit. He caught the car and stood the child down in the vestibule, then spoke to the conductor. Then he took the child and stepped out into the rain and waited until the car for Monson came down Thorndike street and made the crossing. The car he had wasted his breath and physical energy for was the one to Bondsville, just arrived from Monson; but he didn't notice the sign on it at all.

PALMER CENTER.

Mrs. D. J. Mahoney, who has been quite sick, is out again.

THREE RIVERS.

Horses, cows and poultry for sale. C. D. Shepard, Foster farm, Thorndike road, Palmer.

Mrs. H. E. Willis spent Saturday with relatives in Ware.

Miss Clara Green spent Sunday at her home in Brimfield.

R. C. Newell is confined to the house by an attack of tonsilitis.

P. C. Story spent Sunday at the home of his sister in Springfield.

Henry Connor of Springfield is spending the week at his home here.

Ernest Arnold of Hadley visited Three Rivers friends last Friday.

Mrs. Emma J. Scott has returned from an exended visit in Cambridge.

J. H. Thayer & Co. have had a new sign put up on their store this week.

John H. Procter has moved his family to this place from South Manchester, Ct.

Rev. Charles Olmstead preached at the Silver Street chapel Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. C. Shaw of Belchertown has been visiting her son, E. F. Shaw, this week.

Edward King of Putnam, Ct., has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Lewis Perry.

N. K. Rogers, N. K. Story and Mrs. Margaret Connor are ill with the grippe.

Dr. J. C. Boulay has sold his practice to Dr. Hubert of Holyoke, and will move to Webster.

Herbert Barker has returned to the Hartford Theological Seminary after a short vacation.

E. A. Jones of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst visited A. A. Brown Monday.

Mrs. Charles Olmstead entertained her Sunday school class at the parsonage last Friday evening.

The cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of Samuel Turkington next Monday evening.

H. R. Ferrell, electrician, and A. S. Barton, engineer of the Palmer Mill, have resigned their positions and have been succeeded by A. F. Calkins of East Wilbraham and Walter Towle of Somerville.

Mary G., wife of George C. Buell, a former paymaster of the Palmer Mill, died at her home in Newton Wednesday of last week. The funeral was held at Mittineague Saturday, and was attended by Three Rivers friends.

Ethel M. Cowles of Springfield and Albert M. Walker of Three Rivers were married at the home of the bride by Rev. Charles E. Spaulding Wednesday. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Walker will make their home at Three Rivers.

The three-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Desornier, on Springfield street, is in a critical condition as the result of a recent scalding, when she backed against and sat down in a pail of water being used in mopping the floor.

Henry Eaton, 60, night watchman of the Palmer Mill, died Monday after a three-days' illness with pneumonia. The funeral was held at the home of N. K. Rogers Wednesday at 10 a. m., and was conducted by the Palmer lodge of United Workmen, of which Mr. Eaton had been a member. The burial was at Wilbraham.

THORNDIKE.

D. F. Sullivan left Wednesday for a short trip South.

Mrs. B. Vignault is slowly recovering from her illness.

Rev. William Rice Newhall preached in the Congregational church Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. C. Deming of Hyde Park was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Moores during the week.

Daniel O'Shea of Main street is undergoing treatment at the House of Mercy hospital in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott of West Warren visited here Sunday, the guests of Daniel J. Sullivan of High street.

E. W. Phinney burned his left hand quite badly on Tuesday with hot tallow while at work at the slaughter house near Forest Lake.

Ticket 20,172, awarded the watch at the recent bazar of St. Mary's Total Abstainance Society, has not yet been presented.

The Thorndikes again defeated the Wares at basketball at Ware on Friday evening by a score of 13 to 7, thereby winning two straight games and the championship.

The selectmen have visited Thorndike this week and looked over the ground on Commercial street relative to the widening of the street as ordered by the county commissioners.

At a meeting of Court Hampden, F. of A., on Tuesday evening a new member was admitted. Dennis F. Sullivan was chosen delegate to the convention to be held at Lowell.

Rosanna, the 6-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Descoteau, died Monday evening after a brief illness with inflammation of the brain. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from St. Anne's church; burial was in St. Anne's cemetery.

Rev. Francis J. Lynch went to Greenfield on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Rev. Mark E. Purcell. Rev. Father Purcell was widely known in Thorndike, where he was stationed as assistant to Rev. F. J. Lynch and had charge of the parish during the latter's absence in Europe.

These officers were elected by St Mary's Total Abstinence Society at the meeting held on Wednesday evening: President, David Fleming; vice president, Martin F. Hurley; recording secretary, Thomas Morrison; financial secretary, Thomas Kennedy; treasurer, Fred Gay; directors, Maurice Healey, John Sugrue, John Brosnan; John Connor, John Gebo; sergeant at arms, Dennis Healy.

Mrs. Esther Elizabeth Walker, 69, died at her home on Commercial street about 7 o'clock Saturday evening after a long illness with a complication of diseases. Mrs. Walker was the wife of the late John K. Walker, and was widely known in Three Rivers and Thorndike, where she lived at intervals for about 54 years. Mrs. Walker was born in Guilford, Vt., and came to town when about 15 years old. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Fred O. Carter and Miss Mabel Walker of Thorndike, one sister, Lucretia Pratt, and two brothers, Thomas and Louis Lynde, all of Vermont. The funeral was held on Tuesday at 2 p. m., Rev. G. M. Gerrish officiating. The interment was in the family lot in the cemetery at Four Corners.

BONDSVILLE.

Methodist Church Officers.

At the meeting of the fourth quarterly conference of the Methodist church Sunday morning the following officers were elected: Trustees, E G. Childs, O. A. Parent, L. E. Bixby, Dr. H. A. Smith, E. E. Ryther, Charles Collis, Benjamin Parsons, Thomas Bruce, Rufus Bond; stewards, E. E. Ryther, O. A. Parent, Thomas Bruce, C. H. Collis, L. E. Bixby, Mrs. E. E. Ryther, Mrs. O. A. Parent, Mrs. L. E. Bixby; committee on missions, Mrs. E. E. Ryther, Mrs. O. A. Parent, Mrs. George Merriam; Sunday school, Thomas Bruce, O. A. Parent, Edwin Sharratt, C. H. Collis, H. M. Ives; church extension and Freedman's aid, Gavin Bruce, George Canterbury, Mabel Ryther; tracts, the pastor and wife; temperance, officers of Sunday school; parsonage, Mrs. O. A. Parent, Mrs. Thomas Bruce, Mrs. E. E. Ryther, Mrs. E. G. Childs, Dr. H. A. Smith and officers of the Ladies' Aid Society; music, Ora Parent, E. E. Ryther, George Merriam; estimating, E. E. Ryther, Thomas Bruce, C. H. Collis; church records, O. A. Parent, Charles Collis; education, Leon Ryther, Ora Parent, Maggie Bruce, Mabel Ryther and resident teachers.

Archie Brown is away for a few days' visit.

Maurice Landers is at home for the vacation.

Mrs. Mary Joslyn is confined to the house by sickness.

Mrs. F. Towne of Ludlow visited in town this week.

John Cavin saw a deer in South Belchertown Monday.

Dr. Ames Slate of North Dana was in town Thursday.

H. G. Alley attended a preachers' meeting in Springfield Monday.

Miss Eliza Tetrault is visiting her home in Holyoke for much-needed rest.

Charles D. Holden has taken an agency for the Atlas Insurance Company.

The King's Daughters will meet with Miss Lulu Moulton next Tuesday evening.

Miss Mabel Ryther has had a slight attack of the grippe, but is better and out again.

Mrs. Thomas Bruce has gone to Pontiac, R. I., to visit her mother, who is very sick.

Violet, the infant daughter of George Canterbury, is out of danger and improving very fast.

The stores of the village are to close Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6 30 after April 3.

The Bondsville basketball team will play the Ware team at Liberty Hall to-morrow evening. The Bondsvilles beat the Holyokes last Saturday.

A Pole employed by the Boston Duck Company had his eyeball broken by a flying shuttle Monday morning. He will lose the sight of his eye.

Mrs. Oressa Merrifield is visiting in Springfield with her son Scott. Miss Alice Merrifield is boarding with Mrs. Charles F. Gardner during her mother's absence.

The New England quarterly conference of the Methodist church begins at Fitchburg next Tuesday. It is understood that Rev. H. G. Alley does not expect to return to Bondsville another year.

Margaret Ferriter will sell at auction on Saturday of next week her farm in the south part of Belchertown, comprising 147 acres; together with 13 cows, horse, hens, farming tools, etc. The sale will be at 10 a. m.

Mrs. O. A. Parent was out walking yesterday, the first time since her accident. John Mercier of Northampton, driver of the team at the time of the accident, visited O. A. Parent yesterday. Mr. Mercier is unable yet to raise his injured arm.

Mrs. Emerson Hastings, while on her way to church last Sunday, struck her foot against a stone and was thrown down. A large gash was cut on her forehead, the skin scraped off her nose and her wrist and knee injured, besides a general shock from the fall. Dr. Smith dressed her wounds and she was taken to her home.

The supper and entertainment given by the King's Daughters in the Methodist church Wednesday evening was largely attended. The entertainment consisted of a piano duet, Misses Moulton and Alexander; reading, Miss L. G. Sisk; vocal solo, Miss Mabel Alley; vocal solo, Olin Parent; fan drill, twelve girls; piano duet, Misses Parent and Alexander; tableaux.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen J. Blanchard was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Morse, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. H. G. Alley officiating. A quartette composed of Mrs. C. F. Armstrong, Miss Mabel L. Alley, Olin Parent and Leon Ryther sang "Shall we gather at the river," "Rock of Ages," and "Gathering Home." The body was taken to North Amherst for burial.

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TENEMENT of four rooms and one of seven rooms to rent. A. L. HILLS, Knox St.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Converse avenue. 47-tf Inquire of W. W. LEACH, Palmer.

FOR SALE —Pure blood Buff Cochin cockerels and pullets. L. E. CHANDLER, Palmer.

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FOR SALE —One two-seated carriage, one good express wagon. Also cheap buggy. 51-tf GEO. A. KEITH, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—Oak writing desk, lounge, easy chairs, center table, oak chamber set. 49-tf Inquire at LeGRO'S DRUG STORE.

WANTED.—At once, 5 young ladies of good appearance; $50 per month and expenses. Call at Room 15, Nassowanno House, Thursday, April 5, from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. MRS. J. G. M.

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FIRE DISTRICT MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss.

To the qualified voters of Fire District No. 1 of Palmer, you are hereby notified to meet at the Court Room of the District Court of Eastern Hampden, in said Palmer, on Tuesday, the tenth day of April next, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Clerk, Treasurer, Prudential Committee, Auditor, Board of Engineers and all other officers and committees that may be necessary for the ensuing year and give them instructions.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Treasurer, Prudential Committee, Auditor and Board of Engineers, and act on the same.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the Fire Department and annual rental of the Palmer Water Co.

ART. 5. To see what action the District will take toward paying the Treasurer, Board of Engineers and Firemen for the ensuing year, and raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary.

ART. 6. To see if the District will instruct the collector to add interest to taxes paid after Oct. 1st of the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of new Hose.

ART. 8. To see what action the District will take in regard to the employment of a Fire Patrol and raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary for the same.

Given under my hand this twenty-ninth day of March, 1900. 52-2

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Fire District No. 1 of Palmer.

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MISS ANNIE FISH, Palmer.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss. March 26th, A. D., 1900.

Taken on execution and will be sold by public auction, on Monday, the thirtieth day of April, A. D., 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon in front of the Court House, on Church Street, Palmer, Mass., all the right, title and interest which Caroline A. Brothers of the City and County of Worcester had (not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution) on the eleventh day of January A. D., 1900, at eight o'clock a. m., (being the time the same was attached by me on mesne process) in and to the following described real estate, to wit: A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, in Palmer Center, in said Palmer, and bounded and described as follows: south-westerly by land of Lawrence Brothers, westerly by land formerly of Joseph Naylor, easterly by land formerly of Melissa Shaw and south-easterly by highway leading from Palmer Center to Palmer Depot, so-called, and are premises conveyed by deed of Emulous Harvey dated September 26th, 1887, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 438, Page 329. 52-3

HIRAM D. OSBORNE, Deputy-Sheriff.

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Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats

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A special invitation extended to the ladies of Palmer and vicinity.

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Springfield, March, 1900.

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The best appreciation of the new millinery is the fact that you are buying it splendidly—That is what counts most after all.

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Only two weeks to Easter. High time that new dress was on its way to the dressmaker's to be made. Don't put off getting the material until the last few days, and then count on having it ready to put on Easter morning. Just now the dressmakers have more time than they will have next week or the week after.

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First complete showing of Boys' Clothing for wear this Spring and Summer comes today. All the new styles are here and they make a more attractive and stylish exposition of boys' clothing than it has ever before been our privilege to invite the mothers and fathers of this region to attend.

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Friday and Saturday,

March 30 and 31.

We shall have one window in the store formerly occupied by T. H. Todd, for a few weeks, in which to display our

—Pattern Hats.—

We have put in a line of up-to-date

Neckwear, Ladies' Belts, Etc., Etc.

Buy one dollar's worth of us and we will present to you a one-fare electric car ticket.

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 30, 1900.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Plain and fancy shirt waists made to order.
Mrs. A. A. Babbitt, Monson.

THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

Some of the Most Important Articles for the Voters' Consideration.

The town meeting warrant was posted Monday, containing 27 articles, none of which call for extraordinary outlays of money. The first 16 articles and article 27 deal with routine business and the necessary appropriations for carrying on the expenses of the town, with the possible exception of Article 3, "To choose a tree warden and all other necessary town officers." The office of tree warden is a new one for Monson, and it is a step in the right direction. Heretofore the trimming and care of the shade trees has been left to the care of the selectmen. Some of the work has been done judiciously, some has not. For many years past A. D. Norcross has done much towards setting out trees on the highway, and his work will, in time, be appreciated. Article 17 asks the town to purchase the Maurice Haley place as an addition to No. 1 cemetery This lot is situated on the Thompson street bound of the cemetery and should be owned by the town. Saveral citizens who felt the importance of this purchased the property last year, and the rent has paid the interest and taxes. They now ask the town to buy it of them. Should this be done the retaining wall will probably be extended past the place westward, thereby improving the appearance of the cemetery. It is proposed to continue renting it until such time as the land is required. Articles 18 and 19 ask that the relay of State and Reynolds streets be accepted by the town. People had supposed that State street was cornered so it could not get away some three years ago, but it seems to have broken its bounds and gone meandering off in another direction. In article 20 the voters are asked to put in and maintain 10 incandescent lights between the epileptic hospital and the bridge crossing the Quaboag river on the quarry road to Palmer. Article 18 asks the town for $700 for the fire department. Articles 22 and 23 are requests for concrete sidewalks on Washington street and the Quarry road. In article 24 money is asked to pay land damages awarded by the county commissioners because of the relay of Mechanic street, Thompson street and Wilbraham road. Article 25 is the most interesting of the lot, "To see if the town will vote to purchase from the trustees of Monson Academy a tract of land in the rear of No. 1 schoolhouse, the same to be used for school purposes, and raise and appropriate money to pay for the same. This opens the question as to whether No. 1 schoolhouse is where it should be located or not. Should the land be bought and the buildings thereon be removed the light in the schools would probably be better, and the closets could be moved far enough back to do away with the foul odors of which so much complaint has been made. This however does not change the building itself nor its location, and those who want a new schoolhouse in a different place will never be quite satisfied with the temporizing which this article asks for. Article 26 asks for an appropriation to cover the expense of connecting Harrison avenue sewer with the North Main street sewer.

Fourth Quarterly Conference.

Presiding Elder Knowles held the fourth quarterly conference in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon. Reports were given by the pastor, treasurer and other officers of the various branches of church work. Mr. Nichols's report states that the aggregate sum of $280 was raised for church benevolences, about twelve in number, including missions, Freedmen's aid, Bishops' support and Bible Society, the largest amount being missions, for which $130 was raised. Of this the Sunday school gave $57. The treasurer's report shows that at the close of the conference year all debts will be paid. There is still some money to be collected on pledges. The Sunday school year closed December 31, and that report has already been given the JOURNAL readers. The superintendent reports progress in the last quarter. Ten new members have come in, making a total of 188, besides a membership of 46 in the Home department. These officers were elected: Trustees, Horace Squier, B. A. Day, A. W. Leonard, W. M. Fay, W. S. Nason, Daniel Watson, F. M. King, Lewis Rogers; Stewards, C. A. Bradway, H. C. Day, Horace Squier, W. A. Charles, Albert Bedurtha, H. E. Bugbee, G. L. Keeney, W. H. Underwood, E. J. Osborne, W. E. Shaw, G. H. Thompson, M. E. Wright; Committees —missions, Misses Sophia Ross, Julia E Smith, E. Augusta Fay, Mary Fuller; church extension, C. A. Bradway, G. L. Keeney, Misses Lena Eaton, Lizzie Williams; Freedman's aid, F. M. King, Daniel Watson, Misses Samantha Ross and Ella Williams; Sunday school, H. E. Bugbee, W. S. Nason, Mrs. Mary A. Wright; tracts, H. E. Bugbee, Mrs. W. S. Nason, Miss Mabel Fay; education, Miss Mattie Collis, Mrs. C. A. Bradway, Miss Nellie F. Squier, Miss Amy Eaton, Mrs. William Moulton; church records, H. G. Rogers, Horace Squier, C. A. Bradway; parsonage, officers of the Ladies' Benevolent Society and E. J. Osborne; church music, H. C. Day, G. L. Keeney, F. M. King, H. G. Rogers, W. A. Charles; estimating, F. M. King, H. C. Day, C. A. Bradway; conference claimants, Horace Squier, W. H. Underwood; temperance, B. B. Day, W. H. Underwood.

Next Monday's Election.

The offices of town clerk and treasurer are coming more prominently to the front this year than for a long time before, as the Democrats have departed from their custom of endorsing the Republicans' nominees and are working to elect men of their own party. The prediction is freely made that H. M. Smith will be one of the board of selectmen the coming year, but of the other two people seem to be very much in doubt. Lyman Miller is the only nominee who has not served the town in this capacity, and all have their strong supporters. The town report makes a good showing for the present board, and Contractor Ley, who put in the electric road, said last fall that the best man he had ever seen to guard the interests of a town was A. D. Norcross. Mr. Moulton is a good business man and has many friends. There is no doubt that Mr. Herlihy is one of the most popular men in the Democratic party; out of the 514 voters at the caucus 50 cast their ballots for him for assessor. As Mr. Smith declined to run on nomination papers for tax collector Mr. Clifford is the only candidate. Mr. Ricketts is practically certain of reëlection to the school board, his name appearing on both tickets. Mr. Sutcliffe's worth is well known. He has always taken a deep interest in schools and has been on the board for years. His opponent, Mr. Stebbins, is a progressive young man, and his reputation as a teacher is an enviable one; if elected he will doubtless prove a valuable accession to the board. Little seems to be said in regard to the other officers to be chosen. Registration closed Saturday night with 708 names on the voting list as against 780 last year.

Democratic Caucus Nominations.

Monson Democrats held their caucus last Friday evening with 57 voters present. The call was read by the chairman of the Democratic town committee, D. B. Maney; J. P. Herlihy and O. E. Bradway were chosen chairman and clerk. After the balloting had begun Representative Bugbee discovered that the proceedings were not in strict accord with the last caucus act, by which any person whose name appears on the ballot is debarred from being a caucus officer. E. R. Sisson was then chosen chairman and Mr. Nelligan clerk. The counters were E. J. Hughes and N. P. Hanley. These are the nominees for the various town offices: Town clerk, C. L. Peck; treasurer, T. L. Cushman; tax collector, tie between Ralph Clifford and C. E Smith; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Lyman Miller, H. D. Moulton, H. M. Smith; assessors, R. M. Hayes, J. P. Herlihy, John McGuire; school committee, 3 years, W. L. Ricketts and William Sutcliffe; water commissioner, W. H Cavanaugh; cemetery commissioner, 3 years, F. E. Morris; constables, E. S. Howlett, D. D. Maney, M. L. Miller, G. W. Seymour, F. E. Thompson; fence viewers, M. D. Maloney, Horace Bumstead, J. B. Tupper; auditors, F. L. Bliss 2d, C. L. Peck.

F. W. Fay is sick with grippe.

Gaylord Lanphear is quite ill with the grippe.

The town reports were distributed this morning.

W. N. Flynt & Sons have a new sign on their store.

Mrs. Elizabeth Coburn is to have her house wired for electricity.

George Johnson has sold his farm and expects to move to Springfield.

David Letter of Dorchester, a former resident, was in town yesterday.

Miss Hattie L. Orcutt is visiting Mrs. Emory Perkins in Chicopee this week.

H. A. Buffington is home from the Norwich Art school for the Easter vacation.

The King's Daughters are working for a fair which will be held on Wednesday, April 18

H. D. Moulton has purchased the Judd Cady farm in Tray Hollow, which was sold at auction Tuesday.

T. H. Todd's family left yesterday for Northampton, where they will make their home for the future.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary E. Truesdell will be glad to know that she has been out of doors this week.

Mrs. E. J. Greens mourns the death of her parrot. The bird was a very pretty one and formerly belonged at Flynt Park.

Charles Merrick is moving his stock to his house, 27 Main street, and will continue the sale of sewing machines, pianos, etc.

Miss Grace Stacy has returned from a visit to Lancaster, and Minnie Stacy of Lancaster is visiting her parents on Colton Hill.

Rev. Charles Conklin of Springfield will be the speaker at the Lenten service next Tuesday evening at the Universalist church.

Miss George's dancing class will meet in Memorial Hall next Tuesday. The remaining lessons will be given at that place Mondays.

Prayer meetings have been held in the Methodist church each evening this week, beginning Tuesday. One was held Monday afternoon.

Charles Merrick has sold his store building in Merchants' Row to Dr. G. E. Fuller, and it will be occupied by Shoedealer G. L. Fuller about May 1st.

M. and M. Gavin are holding their millinery opening this week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and are showing a larger stock than ever before.

A large party of Monson people went to Springfield last evening to see Irving and Terry. Arrangements were made for tickets and for a special train by T. L. Cushman.

Rev. C. C. Connor will speak on the subject of "Forgiveness" at the Universalist church Sunday morning. The subject of the Christian Union meeting in the evening will be "Consecration."

Mrs. W. N. Flynt returned yesterday from Springfield, where she has been stopping for a few days with her daughters. Mrs. W. A. Lincoln and two children came home with her and will remain a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ricketts, who have spent the witer in Boston, are expected home to-morrow. Monson people will be glad to have them back and to know that Mr. Rickette's health is much improved.

The Old Folks' concert at the Methodist church Monday evening was much enjoyed by those present, though the attendance was not as large as it would have been had the evening been a pleasant one. A party came from Palmer.

The Woman's Relief Corps voted Wednesday evening to serve a town-meeting-day dinner in G. A. R. hall from 12 m. to 2 p. m., with the usual bill of fare. Two caudidates were admitted to membership at the Wednesday evening meeting.

Stafford people who wish to reach Palmer between C. V. trains are making use, to some extent, of the street railway, driving from their town to South Monson to connect with the cars, and better highways between towns are being talked.

Plans are being made for forming a golf club, and prominent people in Monson and Palmer are interested in the matter. Yesterday ground was looked over at North Monson with a view to laying out a course, and it is probable that something definite will be done soon.

The Misses Williams are having their millinery opening to-day and to-morrow. Their ladies' hats and bonnets are displayed in the south part of the store formerly occupied by T H. Todd; their misses' and children's hats are on view at their South Main street store. They have added many novelties to their stock.

The song of Miss Fitz at the organ recital Monday afternoon in the First church, Springfield, by John Hermann Loud, received favorable comment in Tuesday's *Republican*, and the hope was expressed that she might be heard there again. She sang, "O Lord be Merciful," by Bartlett, and "The Heavenly Song," by Hamilton Gray.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try Jell-O, a delicious dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No baking! add hot water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocer's. 10 cents.

Jell-O, The New Dessert,

pleases all the family. Four flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocer's. 10 cents. Try it to-day.

Many School Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, Break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all druggists', 25 cents, Sample mailed FREE. Address, AllenS. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

A large number of Monson people went to Palmer Sunday evening to hear the cantata, "The Holy City," at the Congregational church, and were so much pleased that the desire is expressed on all sides that it might be repeated in the Monson Congregational church. Many are anxious to hear Mr. Orcutt, whose solo was omitted on account of his hoarseness.

The schools opened Monday with a good attendance. That the children enjoyed their vacation and made the most of it, is evident from the stories they related to the teachers of their chickens, of the birds they saw and heard, of the budding twigs of various kinds they gathered, of the visits they paid and the books they read, but they seemed ready to settle down to work again.

Mr. Carvallo, bookkeeper at the Branch mill, is very ill with diphtheria. He had been ailing for two or three days, but the disease did not develop until yesterday. Mr. Carvallo boards at Mrs. H. C. Norcross's, and other boarders have left there for the present. Sore throats among adults are quite prevalent, but it is hoped that there will be no other cases of a serious nature.

Here is a story in connection with the recent Sportsmen's show. The older children in a certain family had talked over their geography lessons in the presence of little three-years-old Marion. Among other things archipelagoes were discussed. Later the older ones attended the show and upon their return home told what they had seen, mentioning "Nanny-goats" and "Billy-goats." "Well," said little Marion, "did you see any archipelagoats?"

The last of the series of addresses to be given by John B. Koehne of Chicago in the Congregational church comes next Thursday evening. The subject will be, "The church of the Reformation." The invitation for the service next Sunday evening is, "Come for Victory." There will be services every evening during the last week of Lent, and these are the subjects: Sunday, "The King's Compassion;" Monday, "Kingly Warning;" Tuesday, "Kingly Teachings;" Wednesday, "The King's Silence;" Thursday, "The Royal Feast"—Communion service; Friday, "The King's Sacrifice;" Saturday, "The Realm of Mystery;" Sunday, "The King's Triumph"—Sunday school concert.

Several Monson people were on the train due in Palmer at 9.03 last Thursday evening, but which was two minutes late. The electric car for Monson crossed the bridge over the tracks as the train passed under. Two of the Monson people who were good runners caught the car, while the rest were left behind. The matter was brought to the attention of General Manager Burrit, who has issued an order that hereafter when the the 9.03 train is late the 9.05 car for Monson will wait four minutes if the cars are on half hour time, and eight minutes if on hour time. Arrangements have been made that the conductors will be notified if the cars are not on time.

The young people of the M. E. church will give a cold meat supper and entertainment in the church vestry next Friday evening. Supper from 6 to 7.30. At 8 o'clock an entertainment entitled, "An Old Maid's Wooing," with the following cast of characters:

Sally Ann, An unsophisticated country maiden, Miss Lena Eaton
Parson Brown, G. L. Keeney
Dan Jeffers, from the city, Walter Moulton
Mrs. Perkins, } neighbors, Miss Annie Sweet
Mrs. Jones, } Miss Olive Morgan
John Hopkins, Sally's bashful admirer, Ernest Watson
Lawyer Dunn, Rufus Stebbins
Mrs. Jeffers, Dan's spirited wife, Miss Ruth Keeney
Steve Muchmore, afflicted with stammering, R. E. Shaw

The supper will be 10 cents and the entertainment 15 cents; proceeds to go towards purchasing a piano for the vestry.

LUDLOW.

Miss Howard's pupils gave a piano recital in the Union church Wednesday evening. Miss Hattie M. Booth, Miss Mabel Andrews, Miss Vivian Irwin, Miss Kathie Bartlett and Miss Bessie Henderson took part and were assisted by Mrs. F. M Towne, contralto, of Springfield, and George Mackintosh, violinist.

WARE.

P. J. Downey and J. F. Connor have returned from a trip to Washington, D. C.

Chester Wood of Pawtucket, R. I., has been visiting his brother, Amos P. Wood.

The school committee has organized with Dr. D. M. Eyan chairman, F. D. Gilmore secretary.

Rev. A. B. Bassett has returned from New York, where he has been spending a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Cummings gave a dinner to the members of the official board of the Methodist church at the parsonage Wednesday evening.

WILBRAHAM.

George Newhall of Chester, N. H., has been the guest this week of his brother, Dr. W. R. Newhall.

A village improvement society was organized Monday evening and these officers elected: President, C E. Peck; vice president, W. H. McGuire; secretary and treasurer, W. H. McGuire Jr.; directors, G. A. Russell, F. A. Gurney, Prof W. F. Gibson, A. committee consisting of F. A. Gurney, Prof. H. B. Davis and W. H. McGuire Jr., were chosen to draw up a constitution and by-laws. The next meeting will be held Monday evening in the Methodist church chapel.

HAMPDEN.

Mrs. A. D. Coash is visiting her son in Lawrence.

W. S. Hunt has added a fish department to his meat market.

Mrs. Walter Kenworthy, who has been seriously ill, is recovering.

Mrs. J. B. Sargent has gone to Brooklyn to visit her sister, Mrs. Miner.

Albert W. Lee is making arrangements to finish his tower on Pine Mountain.

Mrs. Erskine Kibbe, who has been ill with consumption for some time, is very low.

Mrs. A. B. Newell, who has been visiting in Paterson, N. J., for two weeks, has returned to her home.

Annabel Isham, Linda Beebe and Howard Ballard are home from Wesleyan Academy for the spring vacation.

The annual town meeting will be held Monday. The warrant is longer than usual, and an interesting time is expected.

A vacancy has been made on the board of assessors by the resignation of P. E. Wall. Mr Wall had one more year to serve, so two assessors will have to be chosen this year, one for one year and one for three years.

BELCHERTOWN.

The Congregational church has decided to buy the Herbert Curtis lot on South Main street, where they will build the new parsonage.

The subjects of the graduating essays of the senior class of the high school are as follows; "The Old Bay State," Frank Bartlett; "Modern warfare," Maurice Sullivan; "The dawn of the new century," Henry Witt; "Moral evolution," J. M. Bowler; "Monopolies," George Green; "The mission of sorrows and difficulties," Annie E. Kennedy; "The evils of intemperance," Nellie Shea.

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Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Does Coffee Agree With You?

If not, drink Grain-O—made from pure grains. A lady writes: "The first time I made Grain-O I did not like it, but after using it for one week nothing would induce me to go back to coffee." It nourishes and feeds the system. The children can drink it freely with great benefit. It is the strengthening substance of pure grains. Get a package to-day from your grocer, follow the directions in making it and you will have a delicious and healthful table beverage for old and young 15c and 25c.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

These teachers have been appointed for the coming year: Center high school, C. A. Guild principal, Miss Dana assistant; Center grammar, Miss Ida Snow; primary, Miss Louise Allen; Mill Valley, Miss Julia Austin; Cold Spring; Miss Lizzie Bartlett; Franklin grammar, Miss Nettie Shaw; Sullivan; Washington, Miss Snow; Lake Vale, Miss Gutberlett; West Hill, Miss Lulu Austin; Union, Miss Hawkes; East Hill, Miss Bertha Clarke; Laurel, Miss Towne; Pine Meadow, Miss Olds; Rockrimmon, Miss Knight. Chestnut Hill and South Center have not yet been assigned.

WEST WARREN.

Schools commenced this week after two weeks' vacation.

The milliners are making preparation for the spring opening next week.

The machinery at No. 4 is being rapidly set in place and, it is expected, will be in motion shortly.

Miss Maude Parsons is rapidly recovering from her recent illness. All the sick on Chapel street are much better, and will soon be out again.

Mr. Tibbetts, the superintendent at No. 4, moved his family last Saturday into the house on High road formerly occupied by the late Peter A. Benoit.

The New England conference holds its annual meeting at Fitchburg, commencing next Tuesday. Mr. Potter expects to preach his last sermon to the people of the M. E. church next Sunday.

Rev. T. G. Potter is able to occupy his pulpit the past two sabbaths, and last week resumed his studies at Wilbraham. He has nearly recovered from the effects of his recent operation for appendicitis.

Timothy Collins, 82, died Monday afternoon of old age, having been in feeble health for some time. He was one of the oldest Irish residents of Warren and leaves three sons, John of West Warren, Timothy and Michael of Springfield. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's church, and burial was in the Catholic cemetery at Warren.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Mrs. L. E. Hawley has just received the latest styles of goods in the millinery line from New York, and is ready to satisfy the needs of the most fastidious.

Miss Lida Walker of Paris, Me., has returned to town once more and will work for Mrs. Hawley during the rush for new head gear for women, after which she will "sub" for Miss Thomson in the telegraph office during the latter's absence at Rye Beach this summer.

Mabelle F. Gates and George M. Converse were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gates on Church street, last evening at 6 45, in the presence of only the immediate relatives and a few friends, Rev. Martin S. Howard of Wilbraham being the officiating clergyman. The bride was prettily attired in blue silk, cut en traine and trimmed with white silk, the groom being neatly dressed in a suit of black. Miss Converse has been a valued member of Grace church choir for a number of years, and she will be greatly missed in this part of the church service. The bridal party left early in the evening for a wedding trip of short duration, when they will return to North Wilbraham for a few weeks, ultimately removing to Worcester, where they will reside. Mr. Converse is a traveling salesman. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Gates and son Russell, George L. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Perrine, Cyrus Converse, Springfield; Mira A. Gates, Pittsfield; Walter Berry, Orange; E Evelyn Bell, North Wilbraham; Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Howard, Wilbraham. The presents were numerous and valuable.

WALES.

A. F. Pepper has been suffering from a severe attack of grippe this week.

H. A. McFarland is still on the sick list and has not been out for nearly two weeks, but is slowly improving.

E. and E. Lanphear have opened their spring millinery, of which they have a very fine showing. They have an experienced milliner who will trim to order.

Mrs. Campbell of Dorchester is spending a few days with Mrs. H. W. Needham. She was once a school teacher, Miss Ada Marcy, and taught several terms in this town. Some ten years ago she married and has since lived in Dorchester. Her husband died recently and she has come to stay a while with friends here.

The citizens held a mass meeting Wednesday evening in the Baptist church to discuss the question, "Shall license be granted in Wales again?" Rev. W. S. Percy taking the side in favor of license and Revs. H. P. Smith and George L. Camp the negative. Music was furnished by the Wales Cornet Band. The meeting was largely attended and both sides of the question well discussed. The yes side did well in a poor cause, but the no had it.

Mrs. Martha Barnes, aged about 80, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Smith, last Friday morning from heart disease. She had been a great sufferer for a long time. She was born in Holland but had lived in this town most of the time for the last thirty years. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Branch of Chicago and Mrs. L O. Fiske of Wilbraham. She also leaves two sons, Dwight of Springfield and John of Chicopee, and two daughters, Ella, who lives in Connecticut, and Carrie, wife of Rev. H. P. Smith of Wales.

BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. W. A. Janes returned yesterday from a three-weeks' visit in Boston and Worcester.

Rev. Mr. Kyle preached a farewell discourse to a good sized congregation Sunday. He will commence the duties of his new pastorate in Hebron, Ct., next Sunday.

Miss Laura Moore, the daughter of Peter Moore, died last week Tuesday, after an illness of a good many years. She had been affected with spinal trouble which confined her to her bed during this time, but showed a courageous and hopeful spirit which was very remarkable. She had felt certain of ultimate recovery during most of the years of her illness. The funeral was held at her late home yesterday.

Horatio Converse has moved with his family this week to Springfield, where he has bought a place on Crystal avenue. This removal is a loss to Brimfield, where Mr. and Mrs. Converse and the young people of the family have many friends. Mr. Converse carried on business at the "Old corner store" for many years, and for a part of that time held the office of postmaster. His residence in Brimfield has been bought by Bert Campbell.

Funeral of John M. Haley.

The funeral of John M. Haley, who died at his home in Dunhamtown last week Thursday, was held in St. Paul's Catholic church, Warren, Saturday morning. A large number of relatives and friends from Springfield, Palmer, Warren and Brimfield were present, besides a large delegation of Mr. Haley's schoolmates from the Hitchcock Free Academy. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated, the rector, Rev. J. F. Leonard, being celebrant, Rev. Father Phelan of Holyoke deacon and Rev. Father Trottier of West Warren sub-deacon. There were many handsome floral tributes, including a pillow from the family, Easter lilies and English violets from the teachers of the Hitchcock Free Academy, two wreaths from schoolmates, wreath of roses, John Ryan of Springfield; basket of pinks, Willie and Mrs. Egan, Brimfield; pinks, Mrs. Melvin and Miner Booth, Brimfield; 18 roses and bouquet of roses, Mr. and Mrs. John Shanly, Ware; calla lilies, Miss Ella Dwyer, Palmer; basket of roses and pinks, Mrs. T. J. Dwyer and Mrs. J. L. Wilder, Palmer. The bearers were Harry and Howard Booth, William F. Eagan, William Duncan, William A. Lynch and Daniel Finnerty.

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H. W. SMITH, Palmer.

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The Last Snow.

Softly and silently all through the night
Snow elves have been weaving a garment of white;
And now on the landscape, o'er hill and o'er glade,
The glistening mantle is tenderly laid.

The fields and the forest with diamonds shine,
From the lowliest weed to the loftiest pine.
Barns, houses and fences, though ugly and brown,
Are capped and made lovely by crystalized down.

The old oak, the hero of storm and of time,
As king of the forest stands crowned and sublime.
And even the birches we often despise,
Quite win our good will in their radiant guise.

The willows and alders that border the brook
With their branches entwined, form the easiest nook,
Where snow fairies, dancing their final gay dance,
Gave the garlands they hung there a swift parting glance.

And then, as they feel the warm thrill of the sun,
They know gentle spring the long battle has won.
So quickly they vanish, for Old Winter calls,—
His forces retreat to his white castle walls.
And then the glad heralds of life and of spring—
The bluebirds and robins—the victory sing.

HARRY EDSON.

WARREN.

Quite a number of grippe cases are reported in town.

John Sarty will occupy the Warriner place the coming season.

The Tuesday Club met with Mrs. E. J. Spencer Tuesday afternoon.

There will be a union temperance meeting in the town hall Sunday evening.

The "Utile Dulce" Club met with Miss Edith Channing Tuesday afternoon.

D. E. Graves is delegate to the Methodist conference which commences April 3.

Miss Fostina Kenney opens her kindergarten for the spring term next Monday.

The ladies of the Relief Corps will serve a dinner in Grand Army hall election day.

At a meeting of the registrars of voters last week 41 names were added to the voting list.

Frank J. Gould sold his farming tools and personal property at auction yesterday afternoon.

The closing meeting of the season of the Farmers' Club was held in the town hall Wednesday.

Fred Keyes, who has been visiting friends and relatives in town, has returned to Washington, D. C.

W. P. Canning has leased the Clark house on Burbank avenue and will occupy it as soon as necessary repairs are made.

Clarence Sylvester has purchased a six-horse power boiler and engine to run the machinery at his farm on Coy Hill.

Dr. and Mrs Collins and Master King Collins of Nashua, N H., were guests of Mrs. George Shumway last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keyes are expected home Saturday. They will stop temporarily with C. N. Shepard but will soon occupy their old home.

Rev. A. B. Patten of South Hadley preached in the Congregational church Sunday morning and evening in exchange with Rev. W. B. Oleson.

The parish meeting of the Congregational church was held Tuesday evening in the chapel. The board of officers which served last year was reëlected.

There is little excitement over the election of town officers at the coming town meeting. As no nomination papers have been filed there will be no rival candidates.

The annual concert and ball of the firemen's relief association will be held April 18th in the town hall. The Fadette orchestra of Boston will furnish music.

Mrs. C. E. Demond and the Misses Demond leave next Wednesday for a week's trip to Washington, joining a party from Northampton. Mrs. E. C. Morgan is also a member of the party.

Among the other attractions at the entertainment of the Rural Improvement Society in April will be a sportsman's show, for which the committee in charge is planning many attractions.

A golf club has been formed in town with the following officers: President, Mrs. Alfred Shumway; vice president, Mrs. J. G. Hastings; secretary and treasurer, Miss Edith Channing. The club has not yet secured ground for the links, but have one or two places in view.

The last entertainment in the Citizen's course will be given in the town hall this evening by the Amherst seniors in the drama entitled, "Hunting for Hawkins." The cast includes twelve characters. The play is entirely new, and the entertainment promises to be one of the best in the course.

The annual reports of the town officers were distributed this week. The total expenditures were $46,573, as follows: Contingencies, $1211; town officers, $1260; town hall, $1225; state aid, $854; soldiers' and sailors' relief, $167; military aid, $225; fire department, $2072; insurance, $397; electric lights, $2924; election expenses, $203; suppression of crime, $217; cemetery, $309; roads, $3371; poor, $4311; schools, $16,828; abatement of taxes on Warren cotton mills, $7830; inspection of animals, $206; special repairs to roads (macadam), $1198; Memorial Day, $75; public library, $745; sidewalks and repairs, $349; fireproof vault, $395.

CARD.—We wish to return our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and friends, who by their kind words and deeds helped to lighten our sorrow during our recent great affliction.

JOHN HALEY AND FAMILY.

Brimfield, March 30, 1900.

CARD OF THANKS.—We desire to thank our neighbors and friends for their kindness during our recent bereavement, for their beautiful flowers, and the Junior Christian Endeavor Society for their kind remembrance of one who always appreciated the gifts of love from the children.

MR. AND MRS. F. O. CARTER,
MISS MABEL WALKER.

March 29th, 1900.

The Cure that Cures.

The cure that cures coughs, colds, whooping cough, asthma, bronchitis and incipient consumption is Otto's Cure. Half a dozen very small doses will usually stop the worst cough. It is a modern but a well-tried remedy and will cure any cough that can be cured by any means or any method. Druggists sell it at 25c. and 50c. a bottle

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer of 1125 Howard street, Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure:—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the universe." So will everyone who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c and $1 00 per bottle. Trial bottles free at C. A. LeGro's; every bottle guaranteed.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver Philadelphia was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite,—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters;' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c, guaranteed, at C. A. LeGro's.

A Frightful Blunder

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns and all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25c a box. Cure guaranteed Sold by C. A. LeGro.

That Throbbing Headache

Would quickly leave you if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by C. A. LeGro.

Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease,

a powder to shake into your shoes. It rests the feet. Cures Corns, Bunions', Swollen and Sweating feet. At all Druggists and shoe stores 25 cents. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Brigham's

A Shirt Waist Showing.

There isn't a woman or girl that reads this advertisement who can walk through our Waist Section for the next few weeks without learning something about Shirt Waists that she never knew before.

We think you will say the showing of cotton waists at the right of main entrance is the biggest you have ever seen, but it isn't all. We had more styles than space to show them, so we have divided them. The colored waists are at the right, the white ones are in a section by themselves on the left, midway down.

Cotton Waists $1.00 to $10.00.

The most, the prettiest and cheapest, the three factors in every display we make and as true as ever of the shirt waists for Spring and Summer wear.

D. H. Brigham & Co.,

Springfield, Mass.

Gamwell's Clothing Store, Palmer.

It Makes Not the Slightest Difference

What you may be looking for in the line of Clothing or Gent's Furnishings, if it is in style and to be had, we have it. Our various lines were never so complete with fine goods as now. Let us prove it to you by showing you what we have; it will cost you nothing to look, and ten to one we can give you some new ideas.

C. K. GAMWELL.

Everything a Man Needs in Clothing.

LeGro's Cherry Balsam.

For Coughs, Colds and Lung Troubles.

A family medicine for baby and adult. It should be in every household.

LeGro's Drug Store,

Main Street, Palmer.

TOWN OF MONSON.
TOWN WARRANT.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—
HAMPDEN ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Monson, in said County. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Monson, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Memorial Town Hall, in said Monson, on Monday, the second day of April, A. D., 1900, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, Town Treasurer, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, two School Committee for three years, Tax Collector, five Constables, two Auditors and three Fence Viewers; also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the Town of Monson for the ensuing year?" All on one ballot.

ART. 3. To choose a Tree Warden and all other necessary town officers.

ART. 4. To hear reports of Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the selectmen.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, and appoint a committee to prosecute such illegal sale.

ART. 7. To determine what sum shall be made of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year.

THE CRUCIFIXION OF PHILIP STRONG.

By REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON,

Author of "In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?" "Malcom Kirk," "Robert Hardy's Seven Days," Etc.

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CHAPTER XIV.

The following week Calvary church held a meeting. It was one of the stormiest meetings ever held by the members. In that meeting Mr. Winter again, to the surprise of nearly all, advised caution and defended the minister's action up to a certain point. The result was a condition of waiting and expectancy rather than downright condemnation of the proposed action on Philip's part. It would be presenting the church in a false light to picture it as entirely opposed up to this date to Philip's preaching and ideas of Christian living. He had built up a strong buttress of admiring and believing members in the church. This stood, with Mr. Winter's influence, as a breakwater against the tidal wave of opposition now beginning to pour in upon him. There was an element in Calvary church conservative to a degree and yet strong in its growing belief that Christian action and church work in the world had reached a certain crisis which would result either in the death or life of the church in America. Philip's preaching had strengthened this feeling. His last move had startled this element, and it wished to wait for developments. The proposal of some that the minister be requested to resign was finally overruled, and it was decided not to oppose his desertion of the parsonage, while the matter of reduction of salary was voted upon in the negative.

But feeling was roused to a high pitch. Many of the members declared their intention of refusing to attend services. Some said they would not pay their pledges any longer. A prevailing minority, however, ruled in favor of Philip, and the action of the meeting was formally sent him by the clerk.

Meanwhile Philip moved out of the parsonage into his new quarters. The daily paper, which had given a sensational account of his sermon, laying most stress upon his voluntary proposition referring to his salary, now came out with a column and a half devoted to his carrying out of his determination to abandon the parsonage and get nearer the people in the tenements. The article was widely copied and variously commented upon. In Milton his action was condemned by many, defended by some. Very few seemed to understand his exact motive. The majority took it as an eccentric move and expressed regret in one form and another that a man of such marked intellectual power as Mr. Strong seemed to possess lacked balance and good judgment. Some called him a crank. The people in the tenement district were too much absorbed in their sufferings and selfishness to show any demonstration. It remained to be seen whether they would be any better touched by him in his new home.

So matters stood when the first Sunday of a new month came and Mr. Strong again stood before his church with his Christ message. It had been a wearing month to him. Gradually there had been growing upon him a sense of almost isolation in his pulpit work. He wondered if he had interpreted Christ aright. He probed deeper and deeper into the springs of action that moved the historical Jesus and again and again put that resplendently calm, majestic, suffering personality into his own pulpit in Milton and then stood off, as it were, to watch what he would in all human probability say. He reviewed all his own sayings on those first Sundays and tried to tax himself with utmost severity for any denial of his Master or any false presentation of his spirit, and as he went over the ground he was almost overwhelmed to think how little had been really accomplished. This time he came before the church with the experience of nearly three weeks' hand to hand work among the people for whose sake he had moved out of the parsonage. As usual an immense congregation thronged the church.

"The question has come to me lately in different forms," began Philip, "as to what is church work. I am aware that my attitude on the question is not shared by many of the members of this church and other churches. Nevertheless I stand here today, as I have stood on these Sundays, to declare to you what in deepest humility would seem to me to be the attitude of Christ in the matter before us.

"What is a church? It is a body of disciples professing to acknowledge Christ as Master. What does he want such a body to do? Whatever will most effectively make God's kingdom come on earth and his will be done as in heaven. What is the most necessary work of this church in Milton? It is to go out and seek and save the lost. It is to take up its cross and follow the Master. And as I see him today he beckons this church to follow him into the tenements and slums of this town and be Christs to those who do not know him. As I see him he stands beckoning with pierced palms in the direction of suffering and disease and ignorance and vice and paganism, saying, 'Here is where the work of Calvary church lies.' I do not believe the work of this church consists in having so many meetings and socials and pleasant gatherings and delightful occasions among its own members, but the real work of this church consists in getting out of its own little circle in which it has been so many years moving and going in any way most effective to the world's wounded to bind up the hurt and be a savior to the lost. If we do not understand this to be the true meaning of church work, then I believe we miss its whole meaning. Church work in Milton today does not consist in doing simply what your fathers did before you. It means helping to make a cleaner town, the purification of our municipal life, the actual planning and accomplishment of means to relieve physical distress, a thorough understanding of the problem of labor and capital—in brief, church work today in this town is whatever is most needed to be done to prove to this town that we are what we profess ourselves to be, disciples of Jesus Christ. That is the reason I give more time to the tenement district problem than to calling on families that are well and in possession of great comforts and privileges. That is the reason I call on this church to do Christ's work in his name and give itself to save that part of our town."

This is but the briefest of the sketches of Philip's sermon. It was a part of himself, his experience, his heart belief. He poured it out on the vast audience with little saving of his vitality. And that Sunday he went home at night exhausted, with a feeling of weariness partly due to his work during the week among the people. The calls upon his time and strength had been incessant, and he did not know where or when to stop.

It was three weeks after this sermon on church work that Philip was again surprised by his strange visitor of a month before. He had been out making some visits in company with his wife. When they came back to the house, there sat the Brother Man on the doorstep.

At sight of him Philip felt that same thrill of expectancy which had passed over him at his former appearance.

The old man stood up and took off his hat. He looked very tired and sorrowful. But there breathed from his entire bearing the element of a perfect peace.

"Brother Man," said Philip cheerily, "come in and rest yourself."

"Can you keep me overnight?"

The question was put wistfully. Philip was struck by the difference between this almost shrinking request and the self invitation of a month before.

"Yes, indeed. We have one spare room for you. You are welcome. Come in."

So they went in, and after tea the two sat down together while Mrs. Strong was busy in the kitchen. A part of this conversation was afterward related by the minister to his wife. A part of it he afterward said was unreportable—the manner of tone, the inflection, the gesture of his remarkable guest no man could reproduce.

"You have moved since I saw you last," said the visitor.

"Yes," replied Philip. "You did not expect me to act on your advice so soon?"

"My advice?" The question came in a hesitating tone. "Did I advise you to move? Ah, yes, I remember!" A light like supremest reason flashed over

There sat the Brother Man on the step.

the man's face and then died out. "Yes, yes; you are beginning to live on your simpler basis. You are doing as you preach. That must feel good."

"Yes," replied Philip, "it does feel good. Do you think, Brother Man, that this will help to solve the problem?"

"What problem?"

"Why, the problem of the church and the people—winning them, saving them."

"Are your church members moving out of their elegant houses and coming down here to live?" The old man asked the question in utmost simplicity.

"No; I did not ask them."

"You ought to."

"What! Do you believe my people ought literally to leave their possessions and live among the people?"

Philip could not help asking the question, and all the time he was conscious of a strange absurdity, mingled with an unaccountable respect for his visitor and his opinion.

"Yes," came the reply, with the calmness of light. "Christ would demand it if he were pastor of Calvary church in this age. The church members, the Christians in this century, must renounce all that they have or they cannot be his disciples."

Philip sat profoundly silent. The words spoken so quietly by this creature tossed upon his own soul like a vessel in a tempest. He dared not say anything for a moment. The Brother Man looked over and said at last, "What have you been preaching about since you came here?"

"A great many things."

"What are some of the things you have preached about?"

"Well"—Philip clasped his hands over his knees—"I have preached about the right and wrong uses of property, the evil of the saloon, the Sunday as a day of rest and worship, the necessity of moving our church building down into this neighborhood, the need of living on a simpler basis and, lastly, the true work of a church in these days."

"Has your church done what you have wished?"

"No," replied Philip, with a sigh.

"Will it do what you preach ought to be done?"

"I do not know."

"Why don't you resign?"

The question came with perfect simplicity, but it smote Philip almost like a blow. It was spoken with calmness that hardly rose above a whisper, but it seemed to the listener almost like a shout. The thought of giving up his work simply because his church had not yet done what he wished or because some of his people did not like him was the last thing a man of his nature would do. He looked again at the man and said:

"Would you resign if you were in my place?"

"No." It was so quietly spoken that Philip almost doubted if his visitor had replied. Then he said, "What has been done with the parsonage?"

"It is empty. The church is waiting to rent it to some one who expects to move to Milton soon."

"Are you sorry you came here?"

"No. I am happy in my work."

"Do you have enough to eat and wear?"

"Yes, indeed. The thousand dollars which the church refused to take off my salary goes to help where most needed. The rest is more than enough for us."

"Does your wife think so?" The question from any one else had been impertinent. From this man it was not.

"Let us call her in and ask her," replied Philip, with a smile.

"Sarah, the Brother Man wants to know if you have enough to live on."

Sarah came in and sat down. It was dark. The year was turning into the softer months of spring, and all the outdoor world had been a benediction that evening if the sorrow and poverty and sin of the tenement district so near had not pervaded the very walls and atmosphere of the entire place. The minister's wife answered bravely: "Yes, we have food and clothing and life's necessaries. But, oh, Philip, this life is wearing you out! Yes, Brother Man," she continued, while a tear rolled over her cheek, "the minister is giving his lifeblood for these people, and they do not care. It is a vain sacrifice." She had spoken as frankly as if the old man had been her father. There was a something in him which called out such confidence.

Mr. Strong soothed his wife, clasping her to him tenderly. "There, Sarah, you are nervous and tired. I am a little discouraged, but strong and hearty for the work. Brother Man, you must not think we regret your advice. We have been blessed by following it."

And then their remarkable guest stretched out his arms through the gathering gloom in the room and seemed to bless them. Later in the evening he again called for a Bible and offered a prayer of wondrous sweetness. He was shown to his plainly furnished room. He looked around and smiled.

"This is like my old home," he said; "a palace, where the poor die of hunger."

Philip started at the odd remark, then recollected that the old man had once been wealthy, and sometimes in his half dazed condition Philip thought probable he confounded the humblest surroundings with his once luxurious home. He lingered a moment, and the man said, as if speaking to himself, "If they do not renounce all they have, they cannot be my disciples."

"Good night, Brother Man," cried Philip as he went out.

"Good night, Christ's man," replied his guest. And Philip went to his rest that night, great questions throbbing in him and the demands of the Master more distinctly brought to his attention than ever.

Again, as before when he rose in the morning, he found that his visitor was gone. His eccentric movements accounted for his sudden disappearances, but they were disappointed. They wanted to see their guest again and question him about his history. They promised themselves he would do so next time.

The following Sunday Philip preached one of those sermons which come to a man once or twice in a whole ministry. It was the last Sunday of the month and not a special occasion. But there had surged into his thought the meaning of the Christian life with such uncontrollable power that his sermon reached hearts never before touched. He remained at the close of the service to talk with several young men, who seemed moved as never before. After they had gone away he went into his own room back of the platform to get something he had left there and to his surprise found the church sexton kneeling down by one of the chairs. As the minister came in the man rose and turned toward him.

"Mr. Strong, I want to be a Christian. I want to join the church and lead a different life."

Philip clasped his hand, while tears rolled over the man's face. He staid and talked with him and prayed with him, and when he finally went home the minister was convinced it was as strong and true a conversion as he had ever seen. He at once related the story to his wife, who had gone on before to get dinner.

"Why, Philip," she exclaimed when he said the sexton wanted to be baptized and unite with the church at the next communion, "Calvary church will never allow him to unite with us!"

"Why not?" asked Philip in amazement.

"Because he is a negro," replied his wife.

Philip stood a moment in silence, with his hat in his hand, looking at his wife as she spoke.

CHAPTER XV.

"Well," said Philip slowly as he seemed to grasp the meaning of his wife's words, "to tell the truth, I never thought of that!" He sat down and looked troubled. "Do you think, Sarah, that because he is a negro the church will refuse to receive him to membership? It would not be Christian to refuse him."

"There are other things that are Christian which the church of Christ on earth does not do, Philip," replied his wife almost bitterly. "But whatever else Calvary church may do or not do I am very certain it will never consent to admit to membership a black man."

"But there are so few negroes in Milton that they have no church. I cannot counsel him to unite with his own people. Calvary church must admit him!" Philip spoke with the quiet determination which always marked his convictions when they were settled.

"But suppose the committee refuses to report his name favorably to the church, what then?" Mrs. Strong spoke with a gleam of hope in her heart that Philip would be roused to indignation, that he would resign and leave Milton.

Philip did not reply at once. He was having an inward struggle with his sensitiveness and his interpretation of his Christ. At last he said:

"I don't know, Sarah. I shall do what I think he would. What I shall do afterward will also depend on what Christ would do. I cannot decide it yet. I have great faith in the church on earth."

"And yet what has it done for you so far, Philip? The business men still own and rent the saloons and gambling houses. The money spent by the church is all out of proportion to its wealth. Here you give away half your salary to build up the kingdom of God, and more than a dozen men in Calvary who are worth fifty and a hundred thousand dollars give less than a hundredth part of their income to Christian work in connection with the church. It makes my blood boil, Philip, to see how you are throwing your life away in these miserable tenements and wasting your appeals on a church that plainly does not intend to do, does not want to do, as Christ would have it. And I don't believe it ever will."

"I'm not so sure of that, Sarah," replied Philip cheerfully. "I believe I shall win them yet. The only thing that sometimes troubles me is, Am I doing just as Christ would do? Am I saying what he would say in this age of the world? There is one thing of which I am certain—I am trying to do just as I believe he would. The mistakes I make are those which spring from my failure to interpret his action right. And yet I do feel deep in me that if he was pastor of this church today he would do most of the things I have done. He would preach most of the truths I have proclaimed. Don't you think so, Sarah?"

"I don't know, Philip. Yes, I think in most things you have made an honest attempt to interpret him."

"And in the matter of the sexton, Sarah, wouldn't Christ tell Calvary church that it should admit him to its membership? Would he make any distinction of persons? If the man is a Christian, thoroughly converted and wants to be baptized and unite with Christ's body on earth, would Christ, as pastor, refuse him admission?"

"There is a great deal of race prejudice among the people. If you press the matter, Philip, I feel sure it will meet with great opposition."

"That is not the question with me. Would Christ tell Calvary church that the man ought to be admitted? That is the question. I believe he would," added Philip, with his sudden grasp of practical action. And Mrs. Strong knew that settled it with her husband.

It was the custom in Calvary church for the church committee on new names for membership to meet at the minister's house on the Monday evening preceding the preparatory service. At that service all names presented by the committee were formally acted upon by the church. The committee's action was generally considered final, and the voting was in accordance with the committee's report.

"Brother Strong, I'm afraid the church will object."

So when the committee came in that evening following the Sunday that had witnessed the conversion of the sexton Philip had ready a list of names, including several young men. It was a very precious list to him. It seemed almost for the first time since he came to Milton as if the growing opposition to him was about to be checked and finally submerged beneath a power of the Holy Spirit, which it was Philip's daily prayer might come and do the work which he alone could not do. That was one reason he had borne the feeling against himself so calmly.

Philip read the list over to the committee, saying something briefly about nearly all the applicants for membership and expressing his joy that the young men especially were coming into the church family. When he reached the sexton's name, he related simply the scene with him after the morning service.

There was an awkward pause then. The committee was plainly astonished. Finally one said: "Brother Strong, I'm afraid the church will object to receiving the sexton. What is his name?"

"Henry Roland."

"Why, he has been sexton of Calvary church for ten years," said another, an older member of the committee, Deacon Stearns by name. "He has been an honest, capable man. I never heard any complaint of him. He has always minded his own business. However, I don't know how the church will take it to consider him as an applicant for membership."

"Why, brethren, how can it take it in any except the Christian way?" said Philip eagerly. "Here is a man who gives evidence of being born again. He cannot be present tonight when the other applicants come in later owing to work he must do, but I can say for him that he gave all evidence of a most sincere and thorough conversion. He wishes to be baptized. He wants to unite with the church. He is of more than average intelligence. He is not a person to thrust himself into places where people do not wish him—a temperate, industrious, modest, quiet workman, a Christian believer asking us to receive him at the communion table of our Lord. There is no church for his own people here. On what possible pretext can the church refuse to admit him?"

"You do not know some of the members of Calvary church, Mr. Strong, if you ask such a question. There is a very strong prejudice against the negro in many families. This prejudice is especially strong just at this time owing to several acts of depredation committed by the negroes living down near the railroad tracks. I don't believe it would be wise to present this name just now." Deacon Stearns appeared to speak for the committee, all of whom murmured assent in one form or another.

"And yet," said Philip, roused to a sudden heat of indignation, "and yet what is Calvary church doing to help to make those men down by the railroad tracks any better? Are we concerned about them at all except when our coal or wood or clothing is stolen or some one is held up down there? And when one of them knocks at the door of the church can we calmly and coldly shut it in his face simply because God made it a different color from ours?" Philip stopped and then finished by saying very quietly, "Brethren, do you think Christ would receive this man into the church?"

There was no reply for a moment. Then Deacon Stearns answered: "Brother Strong, we have to deal with humanity as it is. You cannot make people all over. This prejudice exists, and sometimes we may have to respect it in order to avoid greater trouble. I know families in the church who will certainly withdraw if the sexton is voted in as a member. And still," said the old deacon, with a sigh, "I believe Christ would receive him into his church."

Before much more could be said the different applicants came, and as the custom was, after a brief talk with them about their purpose in uniting with the church and their discipleship, they withdrew, and the committee formally acted on the names for presentation to the church. The name of Henry Roland, the sexton, was finally reported unfavorably, three of the committee voting against it, Deacon Stearns at last voting with the minister to present the sexton's name with the others.

"Now, brethren," said Philip, with a sad smile, as they rose to go, "you know I have always been very frank in all our relations together, and I am going to present the sexton's name to the church Thursday night and let the church vote on it in spite of the action here tonight. You know we have only recommending power. The church is the final authority, and it may accept or reject any names we present. I cannot rest satisfied until we know the verdict of the church in the matter."

"Brother Strong," said one of the committee who had been opposed to the sexton, "you are right as to the extent of our authority, but there is no question in my mind as to the outcome of the matter. It is a question of expediency. I do not have any feeling against the sexton, but I think it would be very unwise to receive him into membership, and I do not believe the church will receive him. If you present the name, you do so on your own responsibility."

"With mine," said Deacon Stearns. He was the last to shake hands with the minister, and his warm, strong grasp gave Philip a sense of fellowship that thrilled him with a sense of courage and companionship very much needed. He at once went up to his study after the committee was gone. Mrs. Strong, coming up to see him later, found him, as she often did now, on his knees in prayer. Ah, thou follower of Jesus in this century, what but thy prayers shall strengthen thy soul in the strange days to come?

Thursday evening was stormy. A heavy rain had set in before dark, and a high wind blew great sheets of water through the streets and rattled loose boards and shingles about the tenements. Philip would not let his wife go out. It was too stormy. So he went his way alone, somewhat sorrowful at heart as he contemplated the prospect of a small attendance on what he had planned should be an important occasion.

However, some of the best members of the church were out. The very ones that were in sympathy with Philip and his methods were in the majority of those present, and that led to an unexpected result when the names of the applicants for membership came before the church for action.

Philip read the list approved by the committee and then very simply, but powerfully, told the sexton's story and the refusal of the committee to recommend him for membership.

"Now, I do not see how we can shut this disciple of Jesus out of his church," concluded Philip. "And I wish to present him to this church for its action. He is a Christian; he needs our help and our fellowship, and as Christian believers, as disciples of the Man of all the race, as those who believe that there is to be no distinction of souls hereafter that shall separate them by prejudice, I hope you will vote to receive this brother in Christ to our membership."

The voting on new members was done by ballot. When the ballots were all in and counted, it was announced that all whose names were presented were unanimously elected except that of the sexton. There were 12 votes against him, but 26 for him, and Philip declared that according to the constitution of the church he was duly elected. The meeting then went on in the usual manner characteristic of preparatory service. The sexton had been present in the back part of the room, and at the close of the meeting, after all the rest had gone, he and Philip had a long talk together. When Philip reached home, he and Sarah had another long talk on the same subject. What that was we cannot tell until we come to record the events of the communion Sunday, a day that stood out in Philip's memory like one of the bleeding palms of his Master, pierced with sorrow, but eloquent with sacrifice.

[CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.]

THE GREAT DAM AT CLINTON.

This is the day of great engineering enterprises in Massachusetts. Boston has seen the construction of a subway, a mammoth railroad station, and the changing of grade crossings; while an elevated railroad is now well under way. The state has undertaken a monster work in the new reservoir near Clinton. As long as people will use water and will crowd into cities and large towns, the water supply must come from co-operative rather than individual effort. When one million people are herded into a limited area with the number increasing 15 per cent annually, the water supply must be provided on a large scale, by co-operation of the highest order—that is, by the people in their organized functions as the state. This is socialism and calls up the old truism that we are all socialists, the difference being merely one of degree.

The work on the division of the waters of the Nashua river to the mains and supply pipes of the greater Boston, has been going on for several years, and has now been accomplished; for months this water has been passing in a tunnel under the Berlin hills, and entering the older system at the comparatively new Southboro reservoir. But the whole scheme is much larger than this. It includes the construction of an immense reservoir to hold back an ample supply for the growing demands of growing Boston. The dam is to be constructed about a mile from Clinton Center, where the river passes through a gorge with precipitous rocky sides—an ideal location for building such a structure. It will be constructed of heavy masonry on ledge foundations, and will be 185 feet high at its highest point and about 1200 feet long.

The foundation of this great structure is now under way, the stonework will begin to rise perceptibly next season and the dam will be completed the following year. This dam will hold back a body of water of irregular shape, which may be very generally described as of crescent shape. It will be eight and one-half miles long, the upper end being at the Oakdale railroad station. The general average width is about two and one-half miles. There will be places where a clear view of five or six miles of water may be seen. There will be under water 4200 acres of land, including the locations, of beautiful farms, hundreds of pleasant houses and several manufacturing villages and miles of railroads.

Thousands of dollars have been paid to farmers for land taken and we have heard of few complaints at the prices paid. Most of the settlements have been amicable by mutual agreement.

The water will be in places 129 feet deep and will be raised to such a hight that in two places it would overflow the tops of the hills and run down adjoining water sheds. To prevent this, two dikes will be necessary. The principal one is called the north dike. This will be about two miles long. Portions of this will be 60 feet high and in places spiling will be driven down 60 feet to prevent any percolation of water through permeable material.

The process of preparing and driving these 60-foot planks is now going on and is very interesting. The volley territory of the reservoir is now well covered with narrow gauge railroad tracks, and puffing little locomotives on every hand are tugging at dirt trains, which are conveying the loam being stripped from the reservoir bed to the north dike for filling.

These figures are so large that it is almost impossible to realize the size of the reservoir, the dam or the dike, until one has actually visited the place. If I had the privilege of doing last week, in connection with the meeting of the state association of boards of health, Dr. Wolcott, who is chairman of the state board of health, and in a measure the father of the whole plan, as well as being a member of the metropolitan water commission, was one of the party, and explained the work in a very entertaining way.

To realize the magnitude of the undertaking, imagine a point 8½ miles from your home, and a strip 2½ miles wide for that distance. Then imagine the whole to be covered with water. This will give you an idea of the size of the large reservoir, except that the edges will be very irregular in outline. It is so large that when the dam is finished and the gates shut, it is estimated that from three to four years will be required before the reservoir is filled. Highways through it have been abandoned and new ones constructed to avoid this locality. On one of the new roads has been constructed an electric railroad from Clinton to Worcester, and for the first two or three miles out of Clinton one gets from the electric car a very good idea of the enterprise.

As it is essential to maintain the purity of this water supply, there must be an effort that nothing harmful is located on the banks. Hence the commonwealth has purchased land about the reservoir, so as to control this important factor. This land will be planted to trees, and an effort made to carry on practical experiments in advanced forestry, hoping thereby to learn something as well as teach the public something of the best ways of growing and caring for forests, in addition to maintaining the purity of the water supply.

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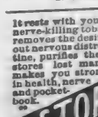

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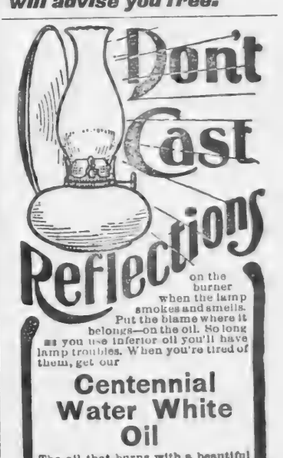
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PALMER'S TOWN MEETING.

More Harmonious Than Known for Many Years.

APPROPRIATIONS TO EXCEED $50,000.

What the Money Will be Spent for. A Detailed Account of the Doings of the Day.

Palmer's annual appropriation meeting on Monday was one of the quietest and most harmonious for many years; in fact, a man who has had intimate knowledge of these meetings for years said it was the smoothest of any he had ever seen. There was very little oratory, and practically no dissension. The article which created the most discussion was that calling for new school accommodations in the Depot village, and there was no opposition to that, the discussion being as to which plan should be adopted and the amount of money needed; these being determined satisfactorily, there was not a dissenting voice when the vote was taken. There will be a new school building at a cost not to exceed $33,000, for which bonds will be issued, to run not longer than 20 years. The matter of night police seemed likely to bring out some sharp talk when first started, but it took a different turn from that at first expected, and everything passed harmoniously. The voters declined to instruct the selectmen regarding the suit of Mrs. Mary Moran against the town, and they have it on their hands to deal with as they see fit, together with various other matters. The appropriations are about the same as last year, something over $50,000 net.

The meeting was called to order at 10.09, and the reading of the warrant dispensed with. W. W. Leach was chosen moderator. W. A. Lawson and Eugene Shorley were chosen field drivers, J. A. Palmer, C. P. Haynes, R. L. Bond and H. T. Bishop measurers of wood and bark, H. H. Paine tree warden. It was voted to hire the present lockup and tramp room, and the reports of the several town officers were accepted. The cemetery commissioners asked for $600 for a sewer to carry off the water from the addition to the Depot village cemetery, but it was argued that the Thorndike street sewer, into which it was proposed to carry it, is already inadequate to the demand upon it in time of rain, and the money was refused. The public library was given $1000 without a dissenting voice. The school committee asked for $1000 for a new school room at Three Rivers and one at the wire mill, and as they showed the need for it, got the money.

When the motion to raise $1600 for night police was made Capt. Clark asked if it was the sense of the meeting that any discrimination in the enforcement of the law be made between the villages of the town; he was in favor of the appropriation, but if it was made should ask that the officers in the different villages be given the same orders. In explanation he said that it had been stated that in the Depot village the officers had been given orders to close certain places on Sunday, while similar places in the other villages were not molested, because no complaints had been made against them; he considered that what was good for one village was good for all. D. F. Dillon said that there was no necessity for the suggestion of Capt. Clark, as the officers were required by state law to take notice of and prosecute violations of the Lord's day; if the motion was made to cover up any hidden meaning the mover should make his meaning clear—the meeting was entitled to know what he meant. T. J. Moran suggested that the officers had not understood that they were expected to take notice of such violations when they were off duty; if they were wanted for all day duty they ought to be paid more, but he would be very glad to have the voters instruct the officers as to what they wished done. It was voted to have the night police, and on motion of Capt. Clark it was voted that the selectmen be requested to instruct the officers to take note of violations of the law at any time, and it was unanimously passed.

The schoolhouse question came next. The building committee had four sets of plans, two for remodeling the present building and two for new buildings, one set of each being from Gardner, Pyne & Gardner of Springfield, and the other from F. R. Richmond of Springfield. The new buildings called for 10- and 11-room structures, the former to cost $34,000 and the latter $30,000, this building being more compact and of squarer form than the other, hence cheaper to build. The committee made no recommendations, but individual opinions were asked for. W. H. Brainerd said he had gone into the matter with an idea that it would be better to repair the old building, but had changed his mind. It was estimated to cost $15,000 for this work, but he thought $18,000 would be nearer right, and then the town would have a patched building, not modern or up to date, and not what it wanted or needed. The cost of brick and wood construction was near that the latter would be only $5000 cheaper on a new building, which would cost more for repairs than brick, hence he favored a new brick building. This was practically the same opinion as held by C. E. Fish, Superintendent Thompson, H. C. Strong and C. S. Ruggles. Mr. Thompson stated that seven rooms must be used in the new building next year, and said that statistics showed that no schoolhouse in Massachusetts had been built too large in recent years; it would take only 10 new families in town with four children each to necessitate the opening of another room, and urged that the future be looked to in building; if the town could get 11-room building at the same cost as a 10-room, it became a duty to do so. Mr. Fish expressed the hope that the time was not far distant when all the 9th grade pupils—the last year in the grammar grade—would be brought to the Depot village and placed under the instruction of one set of teachers, thereby entering the high school on a par with each other, which they do not do now, no two teachers have the same ideas and it takes valuable time in the first year in the high school to bring the pupils on a level. Enough could be saved in this way to pay the transportation, and at the same time give the pupils a better start. He urged a new building. A new brick building was voted, not to cost over $33,000, and the selectmen, with C. L. Holden, W. H. Brainerd, H. G. Loomis, H. C. Strong, C. E. Fish and Superintendent Thompson were made the committee in charge.

It was voted to raise the highway and put in a culvert between the house of B. F. Emery and the Whipple bridge. A motion was made that $500 be appropriated to settle the suit of Mrs. Mary Moran of Thorndike, who fell in the highway in July, 1898, and broke her hip, it being announced that she would settle for that sum; there seemed to be a difference of opinion regarding the liability of the town, however, and the matter was left with the selectmen to settle or defend. The sum of $1500 was appropriated for a new hearse and to repair the old one, in spite of the eloquent plea of H. T. Dufour of Three Rivers that some of the lavish expenditures of the day be used for the poor workingman, arguing that a wagon was plenty good enough for a dead person. For a sewer on Foster avenue in Palmer $150 was voted, it being shown that it was a necessity, and that there were four entrances awaiting its installation. A discount of 6 per cent will be allowed on all taxes paid on or before October 1st, while interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum will be added after that; the tax collector will receive $350 for his work. The prosecution of illegal liquor sales was left with the selectmen, and $300 appropriated. After removing the names of E. P. Ball, W. H. Osborn, E. J. Avery, M. J. O'Connor, T. Keefe, Jr., and E. Durant, and adding J. P. Eastman, John W. Loftus and Andrew A. Warriner, the list of jurors was accepted. The selectmen were authorized to make a contract for street lights, and $5000 appropriated. In the matter of sidewalks $600 was appropriated to be used where the abuttors pay half the cost, and $400 for use where it will be impossible to collect that proportion; the whole was left with the selectmen.

The matter of removing snow and ice from the sidewalks was indefinitely postponed, and also the question of a new sewer through Main street in Palmer. The selectmen were authorized to move the watering-trough at Bondsville, and $35 was appropriated for markers for the graves of Revolutionary soldiers. The grade on Willow street in Palmer will be lowered, and Dewey Hill road in the place will be accepted. The claim of the Palmer Water Company for being compelled to move its pipe to make way for a sewer was debated, but finally passed over, the voters appearing to think that they still owned some rights in the streets of the town. Evening schools will be in order, and $500 was appropriated, it being shown that there was a demand for them. The extent of the demand will determine how many and how long they shall be continued. Money for bicycle paths was refused. Shade trees will have $50 for their preservation. The meeting adjourned at 3 30.

The appropriations were:

Contingencies,		$ 3,000.00
Highways, including changes in Commercial street, Thorndike,		7,500.00
Railings,		200.00
Sewers and culverts,		600 00
Bridges,		800.00
Support of poor,	$ 6,500.00	
Contingencies,	300.00	
Overseers' salaries,	400.00	7,200.00
Town officers' salaries:		
Selectmen,	450.00	
Assessors,	550.00	
Board of health,	100.00	
Town treasurer,	50.00	
Auditors,	20.00	1,170.00
Use of Board of Health,		100.00
Bonds of town officers,		200.00
Care of cemeteries,		500 00
Public library,		1,000.00
Schools:		
Teachers' salaries,	13,900 00	
Repairs,	500.00	
Contingencies and Supt.,	900.00	
Transportation,	800.00	
Fuel,	1,500 00	
Drawing,	400.00	
Text books and supplies,	1,000.00	
Janitors,	1,000 00	
Insurance on buildings,	438.75	
Music,	400.00	
New sch'l room, Three Rivers,	1,000.00	21,838.75
Memorial Day,		100.00
Repairs Memorial Hall,		300 00
Night police,		1,600.00
Grading road, Whipple's Crossing,		500 00
New hearse,		1,500.00
Foster avenue sewer,		150.00
Prosecuting illegal liquor sales,		300.00
Street lights,		5,000.00
Sidewalks,		1,000.00
Markers for Revolutionary graves,		35.00
Grading Willow street,		100.00
Grading Dewey Hill road,		100.00
Land damages, Commerc'l St., Thorndike,		620.00
Evening schools,		500.00
Preservation of shade trees,		50.00
Interest on bonds,		1,500 00
Discount on taxes,		3,000.00
		$60,563.75
Less liquor licenses,		7,653.00
Amount to be raised (approximately),		$52,910.75

THORNDIKE PASTOR RESIGNS.

Rev. G. M. Gerrish of the Congregational Church to Leave July 1.

Rev. George M. Gerrish, pastor of the Congregational church at Thorndike for the past four years, has sent his resignation to the church officers, to take effect July 1st. Mr. Gerrish came to the Thorndike church December 1, 1895, and during his stay the membership of the church has increased to a number larger than for several years previous. A Junior Endeavor society has also been organized, and is now in charge of the pastor. Many alterations and improvements have also been made in the church building, and electric lights added. Mr. and Mrs. Gerrish will be missed by a large circle of friends, not only in their own village, but in the other villages of the town.

Killed by Cars at West Warren.

The body of James Miller of 107 Lyman street, Holyoke, was found on the Boston and Albany railroad track early Monday morning about a mile and a half below West Warren. Medical Examiner E. W. Norwood viewed the body and pronounced death to have been instantaneous from being struck by a train, and it was taken to C. H. Walker's undertaking rooms. Wednesday morning Miller's wife and son identified the body by means of tattoo marks on the arm. He had been in the habit of leaving home and staying for several days at a time. He leaves a wife and seven children.

FOREST LAKE IMPROVEMENTS.

Some Handsome New Buildings to be Erected at Once.

THEATRE, PAVILION, BOWLING ALLEY

All Will be of the Finest. To be Ready for the Opening on Memorial Day.

The visitor to Forest Lake the coming season will find many changes for the better. Among others the old dance hall and skating rink will be torn down, and in its place will be erected a handsome pavilion 72 by 65 feet, which will extend over the water some 25 or 30 feet, with a piazza 12 feet wide on three sides, and a rotunda 22 feet in diameter on the lake side. There will be a dancing floor 48 by 60 feet, and a dining hall adjoining 24 by 48 feet, which can be thrown into the dancing floor should the number of dancers necessitate. There will be dressing rooms, kitchen, restaurant and lunch counter in the building, with everything which will tend to make visitors comfortable and satisfy their wants.

The old restaurant on the hill will also be torn down, and in its place will be a fine billiard room and bowling alley. There will be four billiard tables in a room 30 by 52 feet, and two bowling alleys of the regulation length, 72 feet. There will be two rooms 16 by 15 feet, for the use of parties, and at one side will be a porch 16 by 30 feet. In place of the present band stand, close to the bowling alley will be a fine gothic stand 18 feet in diameter.

The location for the theatre is not fully decided upon, but it will be near where the swings were located last year. This will be an open air theatre 47 by 28 feet, with a wing at either side in which refreshments will be served during the performances, a view of the stage being had meantime. The performances are to be first-class in every way. The stage is to be 22 feet wide by 32 feet deep, and will be flanked by ample dressing rooms on either side. The seats will be regular theatre chairs. All of the new buildings will be of ornamental design, and the plans show that some very pretty structures may be expected.

All the old cottages are to be torn down with the exception of two or three of the best, which will be remodeled for the use of such employes as are compelled to remain on the grounds over night. New walks are to be laid out, and the trimming of the trees and shrubs is to be in the hands of an experienced man. New boats and some canoes are to be placed on the lake. The work is to be pushed as rapidly as possible, and it is planned to have the new buildings ready for use on the opening of the grounds Memorial Day.

MONSON VOTES FOR LICENSE.

Making the Second Time in the Past 25 Years.

SOME CHANGES IN TOWN OFFICERS.

The Business of the Day—Officers Elected and the Appropriations Made.

Monday's election gave Monson a shaking up the like of which it has not known for many a day. C. M. Gage, who has held the office of town clerk for 19 years and who has usually been the only nominee, was defeated by C. L. Peck by 25 votes. The argument used against Mr. Gage's re-election was that the office paid from $800 to $1000 a year, and it was time one else had the benefit. License prevailed for the second time in perhaps 25 years. A. D. Norcross makes way on the board of selectmen for H. M. Smith. W. H. Anderson and J. P. Herlihy are the new assessors, and R. S. Stebbins the new member of the school board. The constable vote was very close between four of the eight candidates, T. J. Sault, a winner, having but one more vote than E. S. Howlett. Little interest was shown in regard to the other offices.

These officers were elected:

Town clerk, Carlos L. Peck; treasurer, Thadeus L. Cushman; tax collector, Ralph Clifford; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Herbert M. Smith, Orrin C. McCray, George H. Foskit; assessors, William H. Anderson, John P. Herlihy, Rufus S Stebbins; school committee, William L. Ricketts, Rufus S. Stebbins; water commissioner, Rufus Fay; cemetery commissioner, Frank E. Morris; constables, Morton L. Miller, Hiram D. Osborne, Thomas J. Sault, George W. Seymour, Frank E. Thompson; fence viewers, Lee Blanchard, Horace Bumstead, Lester Howe; auditors, Lyman C. Flynt, Rufus P. Cushman. License: Yes, 271; No, 256.

F. Q. Ball was chosen moderator, N. P. Hanley was in charge of the check list, and S. F. Cushman Jr., of the ballot box. The tellers were Harrison Howe, G. L. Keeney, W. E. Cantwell and O. E. Bradway. A. D. Norcross was chosen tree warden. The surveyors of lumber are W. A. Squier, Harrison Howe; measurers of wood and bark, George Wills, Harrison Howe, H. P. Witherell, D. B. Needham; sealer of weights and measures, William Sutcliffe; field drivers, E. R. Bates, J. C. Maguire, Warren Shaw.

The reports of the town officers were accepted, and the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen was accepted with the exception of two, excused.

The principal discussions of the day were on the appropriations for school committee service, transportation of scholars, and the No. 1 schoolhouse question. For school committee service $250 was asked, $100 more than previously. Rev. James Tufts said he supposed that when a superintendent was hired the committee was released from the arduous task of visiting schools, etc., and so should not expect much pay. William Sutcliffe stated that the committee held from 20 to 25 meetings a year, and in comparison with other town officers the members of the committee got very little compensation. Horace Squier said that while he was on the board there were never over 15 meetings a year, with only about half of the committee present at those, and he considered $35 for the chairman, $35 for the clerk, and $15 for each of the others *good* pay. Dr. Fuller announced himself one of the "overpaid" town officers, having served as cemetery commissioner for years and never receiving or wanting one penny compensation. He moved the sum be amended to $150, and this was carried.

The transportation item called forth remarks regarding the district schools from several persons, some of whom think it is a mistake to close them. Mr. Tufts doubted if it was best to have children leave home at 8 o'clock a. m. and be carted to the other end of the town, eat a cold dinner and not get home until 5 o'clock; he should advocate keeping open as many schools as possible; if the present teachers in the small schools do not know anything get some who do Mr. Tucker wanted the schools kept open, not in favor of concentration; if good drinking water had been arranged for at North Monson the people there would not have been so willing to have the school closed. Mr. Hatch made a plea for "the boy on the hill," and the $500 asked for was appropriated.

In connection with the No. 1 schoolhouse question the old building, as well as the buildings in the rear, were dragged forth in all their vileness. There many who would have been glad to have considered an article asking for a new site and new building centrally located; not that they were sure the voters would care to do this at the present time, but it would have shown the general sentiment in regard to the matter. The whole matter was left with the selectmen and school committee, with authority to buy the land in the rear of the present building if it could be done for a reasonable sum.

An unusually large sum, $500, was appropriated for the suppression of illegal sales of liquor, and the selectmen appointed a prosecuting committee. On motion of Mr. Closson $800 of the highway fund is to used for macadam. Mr. Closson also advocated $6000 for the salaries of school teachers, but was defeated. If taxes are paid on or before August 1 a discount of five per cent will be allowed; between that and December first no discount; after December first interest at six per cent will be charged. The tax collector will receive $225 if the end of the town year not more than $800 remains uncollected, otherwise the salary will be $175. It promptly voted to buy the Maurice Haley place as an addition to the No. 1 cemetery, the price being $1189. The street lighting article created some discussion and brought out the opinions of the voters. The amount appropriated last year was $1500, about $75 less than for several years before, which meant the cutting off of lights where there were none too many at best; $1625 appropriated without a murmur. The article asking for street lights between the epileptic hospital and the Palmer line passed over. The relay of State street and Reynolds avenue accepted. The sidewalks on the quarry road and on Washington street were refused, it being considered unwise to put in concrete until after the changes ordered by the county commissioners have been made and the ground settled. The treasurer authorized to borrow money necessary for town use, and the balance of $1000 needed to pay interest on the water bonds will be taken from the water income.

These appropriations were made:

Illegal liquor sales,		$ 4,000.00
Highways and bridges,		
Schools:		
Teachers' salaries,	5,800.00	
Academy tuition,	2,800.00	
Janitors,	450.00	
Supplies,	900.00	
Fuel,	450.00	
Repairs,	450.00	
Superintendent's salary,	525.00	
Committee service,	150.00	
Transportation,	90.00	
Insurance,	153.60	
Incidentals,	150.00	
		12,428.60
Support of poor,		1,700.00
Interest on water bonds,		1,140.00
Discount on taxes,		1,300.00
Purchase Maurice Haley place,		1,189.00
Cemetery purposes,		300.00
G. A. R. post,		100.00
Public library,		300.00
Sidewalks,		500.00
Street lighting,		1,625.00
Land damages, change of highway bounds,		380.00
Harrison avenue sewer connection,		175 00
		$25,557.60

Head Battered With a Stone.

Charles Falk, a Pole employed by J. M. Allen on the Plumley farm across the river, was before the district court Monday charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. Charles Thompson and Falk were both employed by Allen on the farm, Thompson being in charge. Falk came into the barn Sunday and attempted to hitch up a horse to go riding. He had been drinking, and as he was not allowed to handle the horses Thompson forbid his doing so. He insisted and Thompson started to prevent him, whereupon Falk knocked him down several times and finally hit him on the head a few times with a large rock held in his hand. Thompson had a severe gash in his head and was unconscious for a long time, but is not seriously injured. Falk was sent to the house of correction for six months.

MAIL BAG THIEF'S SENTENCE.

Man Who Stole Sack at Palmer Gets 30 Months.

PLEADED GUILTY WHEN AT TRIAL.

Weakened When He Found the Man He Had Confided in Was a Witness Against Him.

Robert J. Farley, the thief of the mail sack that was found in the "Glen" on the 10th of February by Franklin Shaw, was sentenced to two years and six months in the Pittsfield jail last Friday afternoon at the court in Boston. He was given a hearing before the grand jury a few weeks ago and entered the plea of not guilty, but was held in $2000 bonds. He was brought into court Friday afternoon and changed his plea to guilty, as an acquaintance of his, whom he had told that he had taken the mail bag, was subpoened and was present to tell of Farley's confession to him. Farley was not acquainted with the fact that this acquaintance was to be present and had kept up a bold front, but when the witness entered the court room he wilted and sent for the district attorney. His story of the case was that on the evening of November 24 he was at the Palmer station, where there was a considerable number of people, all of whom were interested in viewing a moose that had been shot in Maine and was on its way to Willimantic, Ct. The crowd were all on the Central Vermont side of the station and he saw the mail pouch laying on a truck on the other side. Seeing that he could take it without being seen, he availed himself of the chance and took it to the spot where it was found, where he ransacked it. The sack had come down on the 6.40 train from Amherst and was to be sent west on the 8.01. Farley has no one to blame but himself that the theft was found out and the thief captured, for he was the person who furnished all the clews upon which the case was worked up. While in jail at Rutland, Vt., he wrote to the city marshal and informed him that he could tell him about the theft of a mail bag in Palmer, and would do so for $15. The marshal visited him and told him that there was a standing offer of $200 made by the U. S. government for information of this nature, but he said he would be satisfied with only $15. The case looked suspicious and the officials went to work on it, with the above result.

TOWN MEETING MATTERS.

Officers and Appropriations in Numerous Towns in This Vicinity.

The annual town meetings of Wales, Brimfield, Holland, Hampden and Warren were held Monday.

The meeting at Wales proved much more quiet than was expected, although there was a hot fight for town officers. The vote on the license question was very close, there being 77 votes for license and 80 for no license, reversing the condition of the past year. There were 160 votes cast, the largest number for several years. On account of the heavy damage to highways and bridges from storms there will be some unusual expenses this year, and $1000 was appropriated for outstanding claims.

Unusual harmony prevailed at the meeting in Warren, and the attendance smaller than for many years. There were several animated discussions but no great differences of opinion. The most important appropriations were $3000 for macadam road, half to be expended in Warren and the other half in West Warren, and $650 for an electric fire alarm service to be connected with the clock on St. Paul's church. The library received $200 less than was asked for, which is unfortunate, as there is special need of extra appropriation this year for insurance and needed repairs. The motion to establish kindergarten schools defeated. There was a large majority for no license, which was doubtless due to the large meeting Sunday night in behalf of no license, which was eloquently addressed by Father Leonard of St. Paul's church and by Rev. C. G. Miller of the Universalist church. All of the ministers of Warren have been active in the no license campaign this year and as a result of their earnest work the vote was the fullest for several years, only three blanks being cast.

WALES—Moderator, H E Shaw; clerk, O P Royce; treasurer, W A Lyon; selectmen and overseers of the poor, A A Hubbard, J H Loudon and Fred M Royce; assessors, W M Peck, W E Needham and W W Eager; school committee, H E Shaw; auditors, Willis Chamberlain and J H Walker; collector, H A McFarland; constable, C G Thompson; library trustees, Mrs. W F McKinnon three years and W A Lyon one year to fill a vacancy; committee to prosecute illegal liquor sellers, Rev. H P Smith, H A McFarland and J C Burley. Appropriations: Outstanding claims, $1000; town officers, 300; schools, 1000; library, 200; paupers, 500; highways and bridges, 800; to make repairs in cemetery, 50; to suppress illegal liquor selling, 200; snow paths, 50; discount on taxes, 125; Memorial day, 50; miscellaneous, 500. License: Yes, 77; no, 80.

BRIMFIELD — Moderator, G M Hitchcock; clerk and treasurer, O F Brown; selectmen and overseers of the poor, E B Brown, E H Danforth and C S Tarbell; assessors, C C Brown, G H Streeter and Sanford Booth; school committee, J E Brown; auditors, Edward Bliss and Miner Corbin; tax collector, C S Tarbell; constables, Orrin Hicks, Miner Booth, W C Danforth, H J Bradway and M A Sherman; library trustees, Isaac Allen, Rebecca M Lincoln. Appropriations: Town officers, $350; schools, 1701; library, 100; text-books, 150; paupers, 600; highways and bridges, 1500; snow paths, 150; new hearse, 700; furnace for town hall, 300; town debt, 950; miscellaneous, 700. License: Yes, 19; no, 45.

HOLLAND—Moderator, A F Blodgett; clerk, W L Webber; selectmen and overseers of the poor, A F Blodgett, L M Howlett and C A Webber; assessors, William Webber, C A Webber and J Sayles; school committee for three years, Francis Wight; auditor, Louis Durant; collector, Charles Howlett; constables, A F Blodgett and O L Howlett. Appropriations: Schools, $250; library, 15; paupers, 100; highways and bridges, 450; contingencies, 50. License: No, 17; yes, 0.

HAMPDEN—Moderator, George T. Ballard; clerk and treasurer, W. M. Pease; selectmen and overseers of the poor, William S. Hunt, Charles N. Whitaker, N. M. Carew; assessors for three years, John J. Flynn; for one year, Albert W. Chesbrough; school committee for three years, M. H. Warren; auditor, John B. Isham; collector, D. Lincoln Moody; constables, Edward F. Lyons, Georges Driscoll, Clarence Bradway; library trustee for three years, A. B. Newell. Appropriations—Schools, $1300 and dog fund; books and supplies, 150; permanent repairs, 250; library, 125; paupers, 750; highways and bridges, 1050; superintendent of schools, 100; music and drawing, 200; street lights, 150; contingent account, 800; total, 4875.

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NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

BOSTON, April 4, 1900.

It promises to be a serious question what shall be done by the public, or its representatives, with the New England Gas & Coke Company. The case has not reached the final stage, but it is already at the point where the public, as a whole, needs to be informed and to have a set purpose before it. The company, acting on the best legal advice it can obtain, has taken the position that it is not properly answerable to the public, but that it can act as it pleases and the public must not cross the line of sanctity which protects its internal affairs. The committee of manufactures, by vote of ten to five, has decided that the company must display its accounts to the committee. Shall the state carry out the vote of the committee? Unless it does, then any association of private individuals can act like a corporation, for all practical purposes, and then snap their fingers in the face of the people and ask: "What are you going to do about it?" The issue is of vital importance to the entire state. If the gas and coke company is sustained by the Legislature in refusing to obey the committee, then the door is ever afterward open for any other association to do precisely the same thing and the power of people over corporations is gone at once. With the principle established, no more corporations would be formed when the members were anxious to evade the laws, but they would simply form associations and defy the people. Hence it is of the highest practical importance that the majority of the committee be sustained. They deserve the active approval of the public.

The investigation is bringing out some figures of interest regarding the cost of producing gas. The Bay State Gas Company sells to other companies, and so its figures are not to be taken as a fair sample. But the cost of gas, at the burner, for the Boston Gas Light Company, is only 64 cents per 1000 cubic feet. The range is from 59 for the Brookline company to 87 for the East Boston. Of course the dividends of the stockholders must be preserved, but these figues afford another proof that the prices of gas are generally too high. How the fight will finally line up it is too early to see, but the people need to watch their legislators this year as closely as they were ever watched before.

Signs of the coming gypsy moth conflict are detected in the corridors and committee rooms. It is one thing for the investigating committee to make its unanimous report that the cities and towns in the infested district should have charge of the work of extermination, and it may be proper for that committee to decline to present its case before the committee on ways and means. But the cities and towns which are expected to assume this new expense are already pouring in their remonstrances against the report of the committee and arguing that the present system is the best. The committee on agriculture has been invited to sit with the committee on ways and means, for it has a special interest in the matter, and the other side will be presented. Then there will come, probably, a hot fight in each branch between the two sides. There is a great deal of personality involved, in addition to the merits of the case, and it will be unfortunate if it escapes from control.

Henry D. Yeaton's attack upon the civil service law has come to grief, for the committee on public service has reported unanimously against each of his five bills to discredit the merit system. He is the state house reporter of the Boston *Traveler*, and began this effort last year. Then he had better luck than now, for though he was badly defeated at the end, yet he had about all of the committee with him at the conclusion of the hearing. Only two were strong enough and sensible enough to stand up for the merit system. But the others lacked courage; they did not get much popular support (and unless a raid upon the public purse or public morals gets a pack running together it ends in a fizzle), and they finally reported by a majority against the repeal. This year, thanks to the stiff fight made for the merit system, with ex-Senator Arthur H. Wellman as counsel for the Massachusetts Civil Service Reform League, the force of the attack was broken at the start and the committee stands strongly for good politics and good business.

One fact about the merit system is worth making note of. Some of the Grand Army men say already that the veterans' exemption law was a mistake, that under it the sharp politicians often get in ahead of the "boys," that the passage of the bill lowered the esteem in which the veterans were held by the general public, and that they are ready to vote for the total repeal of the act. One of the leading Grand Army members of the House has made the statement to me personally, and one who was prominent at the committee hearing on Spanish veterans' exemption said he thought the time was about ripe for repeal.

Gov. Crane and his daughter will follow the practice of an official reception to the members of the Legislature, and have sent out invitations for the evening of Wednesday, April 11, at the Hotel Somerset, at the end of Massachusetts avenue, where he has his rooms. This practice, if I am not mistaken, was begun by Gov. Oliver Ames, when his new residential palace at what was then the end of Commonwealth avenue, but is now the corner of Massachusetts avenue, was the end of the city in that direction and was a nine-days' wonder for the urban and rural members. The tables used to be lavishly spread and the attendance was large. It has occurred semi-occasionally since then. Last year Gov. Wolcott had sent out cards for it, but the death of his mother prevented its occurrence.

Without doubt the public will approve the action of the House in defeating, by 55 to 87, the bill to raise the members' salaries to $1000 a year. Salary bills are never popular, and it requires much courage, or "gall," to defend one openly. No one spoke for this one, but several members took occasion to denounce it. There is danger, too, that that may be cheap virtue, but we will hope not, for somebody ought to condemn the bill as well as vote against it. Many members doubtless lose money by accepting elections to the Legislature. Some spend more than their salaries in election expenses. But there are doubtless, also, many members from the towns to whom $750 in clean cash, with the honor and experience, is ample compensation. The purpose of the Legislature, in years when salary bills have been passed, has been to give about the average sum which the member would make at home.

The report of the judiciary committee for the abolition of the death penalty will bring the matter before the House in a debatable form, but it does not follow, by any means, that the report of the majority of the committee will be established as the judgment of the Legislature. Indeed the contrary is probably true, for there is not the popular demand for the change which usually precedes a successful effort to change a long established custom of any sort. This question appears occasionally at the Legislature with considerable force, because there happens to be in Senate or House some one man, or a few men, who feel deeply upon the subject. But when the vote is taken after the debate, it is always against the proposed change. Mr. Dalton of Salem has been very earnest for the abolition of the penalty, but the general approval of the present practice may be depended upon to retain it upon the books.

The proposition to put a heavy additional tax upon public service corporations which pay a dividend of over six per cent is a radical one and raises many interesting points. Of course it is opposed by the counsel for the corporations attacked, but that was to have been expected. The bill proposes that every gas, electric light, telegraph and telephone company which pays six per cent shall pay a tax of one per cent and that, for every one per cent of dividend above that, half of it shall be taken by the public, and that 25 per cent of the amount shall go to the state and 75 per cent to the cities and towns. It is not to be presumed that such a bill will pass this year, but it shows what lines the people are thinking upon.

LANDON.

HIGH SCHOOLS' MEET.

Palmer, Warren and Ware Will Meet in Ware May 19.

A meeting of the representatives of the Palmer, Warren and Ware high schools met in the latter town Saturday and voted to hold a track meet on the Ware driving park on May 19. The local high school was represented by William Barrett, Louis Brainerd and Michael Dillon. The following list of events was decided upon:

40-yards dash.
100-yards dash.
220-yards dash.
440-yards dash.
880-yards dash.
120-yards hurdle.
220-yards hurdle.
Running broad jump.
Running high jump.
Hop, step and jump.
Shot put—12-pound shot.
Pole vault.

These rules to govern the meet were adopted:

1. First place counts five points; second place three points; third place one point.
2. A banner to cost $15 will be awarded the victorious team.
3. All persons over the age of 21 are barred from the contests.
4. Credentials from the principal must be furnished in all cases.
5. All contestants must have been members of the school for at least three months next preceding the meet.
6. Not more than three contestants from any one school will be allowed to compete in any event.
7. The individual scoring the highest number of points at the meet will be awarded a medal.

Blue, red and orange ribbons will be awarded the members of the first, second and third places respectively.

A committee of final arrangements consisting of Messrs. Merrigan of Ware, Foley of Warren and Barrett of Palmer was chosen.

The decision to hold this meet is the result of a long-thought-of plan between the schools included, and has been under active consideration for the past few months. The schools have met in the relay races at the Palmer driving park during the agricultural fair for the past two years, and consequently are desirous of holding a meet whereby they can test their opponents' skill in the various events. The schools are of about the same age, and each has good material from which to pick a team.

WOMAN SCARES A TRAMP.

Pokes a Gun Under the Nose of One She Found in Her House.

That the "Weary Willies" are emerging from their winter quarters and are going far beyond the limits of endurance with their boldness and effrontery, is being called to the attention of the people of Palmer by experiences which the housewives of the town are having with this class of men. An occurrence of this nature happened last Friday at the home of Mrs. Moses P. Winters at the lower end of Park street. Mrs. Winters had laid down to rest and had fallen asleep. She suddenly awoke and thought she heard faint footsteps in an adjoining room. She immediately jumped up, and to be sure of defense, if such should prove essential, took a gun that was leaning against the wall. Going into the other room she came upon a man, evidently a tramp. Mrs. Winters raised the firearm and placed it almost under the man's nose. This action quickly put to flight all the courage of the hobo, who threw up his arms and cried out in pitiful tones, "O, lady, don't shoot, don't shoot!" She asked him his object in entering her house in such unknown manner, and his excuse was that he was hungry, and, having failed to arouse any one by his rapping, had entered the back door. After making sure that he had appropriated nothing she allowed him to go, which he did in double quick time. Mrs. Winters was perfectly calm during the whole ceremony, but after the individual's departure she trembled for a couple of hours. This is not the only instance where these individuals have made themselves exceedingly troublesome and obnoxious in their calls at the houses in the town.

JUNE AND DECEMBER.

As Usual, All Does Not Go Well With Them.

Another case of the fickleness of human nature is brought to light by a case of unhappy married life. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, reside on the King Knox farm on Thorndike street. Yesterday morning at about 10 o'clock Mrs. Taylor, who is 17 years old, left home on an errand to a neighbor's house. As she did not return by evening it caused her husband, who is 61 years of age, considerable anxiety. Fearing something had happened to her, a member of the family called in the aid of a couple of the local officers, who investigated and came to the conclusion that his wife had left him. This morning a member of the family continued the investigation and by the use of a little skill found that the wife was stopping at a neighbor's house near by, where she had hired out for her board and clothes. She said that she was not going to live with her husband any longer. A funny thing about the case is the way this neighbor concealed the wife. Last night the officers went to the house and went in, but were assured by the lady that the girl was not there, saying she had seen her go by about 3 p. m. This morning she said the girl came there at 11 p. m. last night, but the members of the Taylor family take exceptions to this. The couple have been married about two years, and while the husband claims that all has been peaceful and happy, the wife seems to think differently. Another remarkable thing is the relationship of some of the family. Mr. Taylor's son married the girl's mother, and some time after their marriage Mr. Taylor married the girl.

Palmer Historical Society Meeting.

The society held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, when several papers were read concerning Daniel Webster. Mrs. Fisherdick read a well digested paper upon his early life, which gave abundant proof of his coming greatness. Rev. Mr. Harrison spoke of his public life, and the large place he occupied as a statesman, and of his disappointed ambition,—his failure to occupy the presidential chair. H. C. Strong gave an interesting account of the portrait of Webster loaned by him to the society, only two copies of which are in existence. It is a crayon executed by the artist Ames, and was done shortly before his death. O. P. Allen read a paper on Webster's home at Marshfield, where he lived from 1832 till his death in 1852; a grand old plantation of 1200 acres, having a very interesting history dating back to 1630, when it was settled by William Thomas. Besides the above papers, a dozen of the members responded with brief quotations from Webster's speeches.

By way of donation the society has received this week a steel engraving entitled the "Landing of Columbus," from Mrs. Charles Dewey, and the old record of the first Sunday school in Palmer, started in the Old Center in 1826; also the "Thorndike School District Record" from 1837 to 1859, the gift of George D. Mooers. The society voted to receive Mrs. Susan Green as an honorary member. Two committees were appointed, looking to the encouragement of greater tidiness in our streets, a matter which, when presented, will doubtless appeal to the good sense of the public and meet with a ready response.

Ware Church's New Pastor.

Rev. J. J. Fallon, pastor of St. Patrick's church of Williamstown, announced to his parishioners last Sunday morning that he had been assigned to the Catholic church at Ware, to succeed Rev. James Boyle, who has been transfered to Pittsfield to assume the work of the late Rev. Father Smith as pastor of St. Joseph's church. Father Fallon was born and reared at Worcester, being graduated from the Worcester high school and later from Holy Cross in the class of '80. Three years later he was graduated from St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1883. He was assigned to the Sacred Heart church of Springfield as assistant to Rev. James McDermott, where he remained seven years. He was then sent to the church at Huntington, remaining there five years, when he was given the pastorate of the church at Williamstown, where he has been for the past four years. He has been most successful in his work there, a handsome new church edifice having been completed and dedicated since he began his work. For the past year he has been chaplain of the Hibernian Society in Berkshire county. He is an able preacher and a faithful pastor, holding a high place in the estimation of the people of Williamstown, regardless of denomination.

Town May Lose the Hat Shop.

There is a possibility that the town may lose the straw hat business carried on by O. J. Powers & Sons. The firm has had several offers to go elsewhere, and several places have been visited. The reason for making a change will be a reduction of expenses. Messrs. Powers state that the rent of the buildings occupied by them here is much larger than they can afford to pay. They would be willing to buy the plant, but the price asked is more than they feel that they can afford. They would prefer to remain in Palmer, where they have been for a year and a half and are nicely located, but unless arrangements different from the present can be made they are likely to move after the end of the present season.

PALMER NEWS.

LOCAL NOTICES.

The latest spring styles of the celebrated **Walk-Over Shoe** may be had only at the store of **F. D. Barton**, dealer in reliable footwear.

Mrs. L. E. Carpenter cordially invites the ladies of Palmer and vicinity to attend her millinery opening, next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11.

W. R. Milligan will begin to-morrow, Saturday, a selling out sale of his stock of boots, shoes and rubbers. Every pair of shoes in his store will be offered at a liberal discount in order to turn the stock into money as soon as possible. This sale will take place at the Boston Shoe Store, and will mean a great slaughter in prices.

Miss Susan Coleman is the guest of friends in Ludlow.

Dr. S. H. Ellery has gone to New York for a few days' visit.

W. D. Clark is confined to his home by a severe attack of the grippe.

Miss L. G. Siske is clerking in Bodfish's store during the spring rush.

St. Paul's Sunday school is making preparations for its Easter concert.

Frank Wilcox has been clerking for the Smith-Hamilton Co. this week.

The W. R. C. will hold a regular meeting this evening in Memorial Hall.

Work has been begun this week on repairing the highways of the town.

One Italian was naturalized in the district court room Saturday morning.

M. W. French of Newtonville was the guest of friends in town yesterday.

The schools of the village closed this afternoon for a two-weeks' vacation.

Mrs. John Sedgwick is confined to her home on Pleasant street with illness.

Miss Ethel Chapman of Stafford Springs, Ct., is the guest of Miss Grace Strong.

The Mothers' Club will meet next Friday afternoon at 3 with Mrs. Albert Bogue.

The physical culture class will meet in St. Paul's church at 7.30 Monday night.

Mrs. E. Cadwell and daughter have gone to Hartford, Ct., for a visit with relatives.

The assessors have organized with J. O. Hamilton as chairman and H. T. Bishop clerk.

Mrs. L. E. Chandler and daughter have returned from a visit of three weeks in Boston.

Mrs. A. C. Thompson was called to South Hadley this week by the death of a relative.

Misses Elizabeth and Katherine Leary of Naugatuck, Ct., are the guests of Mrs. P. E. Bard.

Jesse Rogers of Foxboro, formerly manager of the hat shop, was in town Monday.

Miss Nettie Coleman has returned from Lynn, where she attended the wedding of a relative.

Miss Pearl Lawton has taken a position in the millinery store of Mrs. L. E. Carpenter.

Grippe is prevalent in town and is making business good for the medical profession.

Mrs. F. R. Lawton and daughter Pearl have returned from a visit with friends in Worcester.

R. L. Loynd of Worcester has taken a position in the Buck card clothing clothing factory.

Mrs. Lyman Dimock has gone to Lynn, where she will be the guest of relatives for a few weeks.

Sunday will be observed as Palm Sunday at the St. Thomas's Catholic church, with mass at 8.30.

Miss Julia Hurley of Boston was the guest of Miss Sadie Moran of Main street over Sunday.

Thomas lodge of Masons will hold a regular communication next Monday night in Masonic Hall.

Mrs. O. C. Marcy was called to Enfield this week by the death of her mother, Mrs. Amos Hunter.

Mrs. Edward E. Hart of Bennington, Vt., is the guest of Mrs. F. B. Pope on Central street.

The trustees of the Massachusetts epileptic hospital held a meeting at that institution yesterday.

The Lend-a-Hand will meet next Thursday afternoon in the parlors of the Congregational church.

Miss Rebecca Stebbins of Springfield was the guest of friends in town the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Franklin Blanchard of North Brookfield was the guest of friends in town Wednesday.

Henry L. Holden of New York city has been spending the week at his home on North Main street.

Miss Ruth Keeney of Monson was the guest of Miss Grace Ferry on Fox avenue the last of the week.

L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R., will hold a regular meeting in Memorial Hall next Wednesday evening.

Miss Margaret O'Connor of Amherst spent Sunday with her parents at their home at Mt. Dumplin.

Dr. H. E. Siske of Winchendon was the guest of his parents on State avenue the latter part of last week.

Miss Della Hastings of Smith College is at the home of her parents on Pleasant street for a short vacation.

Rev. G. M. Gerrish of Thorndike preached at the Massachusetts epileptic hospital Sunday afternoon.

The building committee in charge of the new schoolhouse will meet in the high school building this evening.

Misses Blanche Hellyar and May Fiske of Mt. Holyoke College are spending the Easter vacation with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King of East Hartford, Ct., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Taylor of Thorndike street.

Miss Mamie Shea of Stafford has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Doyle on Water street part of the week.

Good Cheer Rebekah lodge will hold a regular meeting next Tuesday evening in the lodge rooms on Central street.

Mrs. Johnson and son of Fitchburg have been the guests of Mrs. Charles Foster on Thorndike street part of the week.

Miss Hattie Blanchard of Boston has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. John Blanchard of Park street, this week.

Rev. G. M. Gerrish of Thorndike spoke at the Massachusetts epileptic hospital Tuesday evening on his trip to Cuba.

The Woman's Tuesday Club will meet next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. H. G. Loomis on Pleasant street.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Congregational church met in the church parlors Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown of Enfield have been stopping for a few days with the family of G. A. Rice on Pleasant street.

Mrs. E H. Rollins and two sons were the guests of A. E. Fitch and family on Central street Wednesday and yesterday.

Mrs. L. E. Carpenter will have her millinery opening next Tuesday and Wednesday, to which the public is invited.

The Once-a-Week Club will hold a meeting in the Converse House to-morrow night. A lunch will be served at the usual hour.

William Carey and Thomas Carey and family of Holyoke spent Sunday with Patrick Carey and family on Central street.

Miss Genevra Clark has reaumed her duties as teacher of Greek and Latin in the high school after an illness of a few weeks.

The subject of the junior Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church for Sunday is "The honored guest;" leader, Sidney Trumble.

Miss Sarah Mannion and William Clifford were married by Rev. C. W. Haines at his home on Pleasant street last Saturday evening.

The last vesper service will be held in the Universalist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock; Rev. F. M. Bissell of Springfield will speak.

The firemen at their meeting Monday evening adopted resolutions of regret on the recent death of John F. Dawson, one of their number.

William H. Hill of Pittsfield has purchased the milk route of A. W. Ferry through the D. F. Holden agency, and has taken possession.

Mrs. G. M. Gerrish sang soprano in the choir of the Universalist church Sunday in the absence of Miss Georgia Packard on account of illness.

Palmer council, Knights of Columbus, moved from the Odd Fellows' building to the new lodge rooms in the Commercial block Saturday night.

Work on the new buildings at the Massachusetts epileptic hospital has been begun, and a good sized gang of workmen are employed breaking ground.

Charles Thompson of Palmer and Gertrude Rockwood of Newton were married last evening by Rev. C. W. Haines at his home on Pleasant street.

William Millen has resigned his position in the hat shop of O. J. Powers & Sons and has gone to Northampton, where he will be employed in a bicycle store.

Mrs. Eva M. Bancroft, who has managed the Weeks House for the past two years, has sold out to William F. Dunn of Monson, who will take possession to-morrow.

Frank Pettingill, station agent for the Boston & Albany railroad at Pittsfield, has been the guest of his mother, Mrs. Catherine Shumway of Walnut street, this week.

The Ladies' Society of the Universalist church will give a social on Tuesday evening, April 17. The junior Y. P. C. U. will also give a supper and entertainment April 24.

The overseers of the poor met Wednesday and organized with William Merriam as chairman. Dr. L. H. Hendee was appointed town physician for the coming year.

The Sunday school of the Baptist church is making preparations for its annual Easter concert. The title of the concert for this year is "Calvary," as published by Lorenz.

Augustus Howell, the reader and impersonator, was greeted with a very slim audience in the opera house on Tuesday evening. Mr. Howell gave readings from David Harum.

The selectmen give notice that all applications for licenses for the coming year must be in the hands of the chairman of the board by 6 o'clock next Wednesday evening.

Col. Charles Young of Springfield will pay a visit to the Palmer lodge of Odd Fellows next Wednesday evening, when he will instruct them in the working of the degrees.

The roll call and fellowship meeting of the Universalist church will be held next Thursday evening, and communion will be observed, as it is the anniversary of the first Lord's Supper.

The Philomathean Society of Monson Academy will give the sketch, "Breezy Point," in Memorial Hall next Monday night for the benefit of the senior class of the Palmer high school.

The 1.34 train for the west was delayed about an hour at the station Wednesday, owing to an accident to the engine. The damage to the locomotive was discovered as the train was pulling out.

J. F. Foley will have a demonstration of Tobasco sauce at his store to-morrow. The demonstrator will be Miss Buzzell, a former employe of the state primary school and known to many Palmer people.

The selectmen have appointed these night policemen: J. F. Luman, Thorndike; J. J. Manning, Three Rivers; Michael Collins, Bondsville. No appointment has been made in the Depot village.

Mrs. F. M. Eager has returned from a Southern trip to Palm Beach and St. Augustine, Florida, where she and her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Taylor of New York city, have been spending the month of March.

The Men's Gordon Bible class of the Baptist church will give a social to men only next Tuesday evening in the church vestry. All not connected with any other Sunday school are cordially invited to be present.

A large rock, over four feet in diameter and estimated to weigh at least four tons, slid down from the bank into the carpet mill road just above Park street Sunday, having been loosened by the warm weather.

D. L. Bodfish announces his annual spring opening of suits, skirts, shirt waists and wrappers for to-morrow. The Monson orchestra will be in attendance afternoon and evening, and refreshments will be served.

A freight car got loose in the Boston and Albany freight yard last night and came down the track, running into the rear of the 6.50 train for Winchendon, just before the train was ready to start. No serious damage resulted.

Rev. Mr. Day of Springfield occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church Sunday morning in place of Rev. Allen Cross of the same city, who was unable to exchange with Rev. F. B. Harrison on account of illness.

The social of the ladies of the Congregational church, which comes on the first Wednesday of each month, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the Holy week services to be held in the church next week.

Telephones have been installed in the drug store of C. A. LeGro, the stove store of W. H. Hitchcock, the residence of E. G. Hastings and the residence of F. S. Hunnewell. One is also being placed in the residence of M. S. Dillon.

Sir G. Waldon Smith, P. C., of Boston, spoke before a number of men in the lodge rooms of the opera house block Tuesday night on the Knights of Malta. He told of the organization, its object, work, etc., and is endeavoring to institute a branch in Palmer.

There will be a union meeting of the Congregational church and the Christian Endeavor Society on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, when "Famine in India, its cause and the needs of the inhabitants," will be presented by some of the members of the society.

The funeral of Mrs. John H. Haynes was held at her late residence on Knox street Monday afternoon, Rev. F. B. Harrison of the Congregational church officiating. The bearers were W. H. Hitchcock, Cyrus W. Knox, J. A. Palmer and Servetus Leach.

The firemen have ordered their new uniforms, and Clark has the contract for the 22 suits. They will consist of a blue coat and cap with Maltese cross, and the boys will present a fine appearance in them. Charles Atkins was made a member of the company at the meeting Monday evening.

Miss Bertha Shepard, Young People's secretary of the W. H. M. S., spoke to the Junior Endeavor society of the Congregational church this afternoon on "Mission work in Alaska." This evening at 7 30 she will speak on "Woman's work in New Mexico" in the same church, and all are invited to be present.

James J. Todd has severed his connection with the Central Vermont railway and has gone to Hartford, Ct., where he will be employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford road. Mr. Todd has been employed by the former road for 24 years, serving ten years as section foreman and fourteen as roadmaster. He will move his family later in the year.

There was but a small attendance at the lecture by Hon. G. A. Gearhart on Friday evening in the opera house, a far too small audience for such an excellent lecture. Those present enjoyed the speaker and were given much practical advice and many truths. He had a pleasing delivery, choice language and wholesome thoughts. His subject was "The coming man."

A letter has been received from J. W. B. Mannion, corporal of Company M, 12th U. S. infantry, now stationed in the Philippines, about one hundred miles from Manila. He reports that he enjoys excellent health but is dissatisfied with the rations. He has seen considerable service during his stay in the islands, where he has been for the past year and a half.

Allen Atkins, Company G, 9th U. S. infantry, is stopping with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Atkins, on Thorndike street. Mr. Atkins is on a two-months' furlough on account of his health, having been ill for a number of months. While in the Philippines he was confined to a hospital ship for some time, and later sailed to San Francisco, from whence he came home.

The firemen received their salaries Monday, and in the evening held their regular monthly meeting, when they adopted a ticket for the annual fire district meeting next Tuesday as follows; Cheif, G. A. Bills; first assistant, C. E. Fuller; second assistant, E. B. Taylor; clerk and treasurer, F. D. Barton; prudential committee, E. G. Hastings, W. E. Stone and E. R. Pierce; auditor, C. E. Fish.

L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R., has secured Rev. Robert E. Smith of Spencer, formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Bondsville, to deliver the oration on Memorial Day. Rev. Mr. Smith is an eloquent speaker and was well liked by the members of the post when he preached a Memorial Sunday sermon to them at Bondsville a few years ago. Mr. Smith is a son of a veteran and will naturally speak in a patriotic and feeling manner.

These civil cases entered at the superior court Monday: Palmer Savings Bank against Eibridge J. and Ollie M. Ward of Springfield and Orrin P. Allen of Palmer, $1300, action of contract; Alanson Stewart of Wilbraham against Monroe Pease of Wilbraham, $1200, action of contract; D. F. Holden of Palmer against W. J. Easter and another of Brimfield, $110, action of contract; M. F. Austin of Belchertown against B. Frank Emery of Palmer, $50, action of contract or tort.

The school committee has organized for the year with Charles E. Fish chairman and A. C. Thompson secretary. The following were appointed truant officers: John Eastman at Palmer, J. F. Luman at Thorndike, William Prairie at Three Rivers and C. E. Shumway at Bondsville. The committee also decided to open a new school room at Three Rivers at the beginning of the next term. The committee has called for bids for coal to be used in the school buildings during the coming year.

Rev. F. B. Harrison, pastor of the Congregational church, has arranged special services for next week, which is Holy Week. Services will be held on the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Rev. Mr. Mason of Wilbraham will speak on Tuesday night, Rev. Mr. Barnes of Longmeadow on Wednesday night, and Rev. Mr. Woodwin of Chicopee on Friday night. Thursday evening the pastor will have charge of the service and communion will be celebrated, it being the anniversary of the first Lord's Supper.

One of the old citizens of the town recently paid a visit to the city of Boston, it being the first time he had been there for some 35 years, and truly it proved a revelation to him. When last he saw the place the largest part of the buildings were of wooden structures, and his surprise and wonderment at the rapid progress that had gone on in the metropolis of this state so worked him up that he did not, and in fact could not be induced to eat anything all that day. The bustle and vastness of the city so stupefied him that he was like a "chicken in tall grass," and hardly knew "where he was at."

Two members of the traveling peddler profession created a little amusement for Main street people yesterday afternoon. One of them had made a sale of a suit to a woman for $14, the suit to be delivered later. Peddler No. 2 came along shortly after and made a sale of the same suit for $10, and delivered it. When No. 1 found it out the successful salesman was on his way toward three Rivers with his team, having got well out North Main street. There was a lively sprint on the part of No. 1 nearly to the Point of Rocks to catch the other fellow and free his mind to him, if nothing else, but the horse was pushed for all it was worth and the driver kept out of the way.

A woman with a small boy, a tale of domestic infelicity and a desire for a "bill" from her minor fraction wandered into the editorial realm of the JOURNAL office Tuesday and related her tale of woe in an endeavor to find a sympathetic ear and relief from the bonds she had found irksome. As it was a little out of the line of those present she was referred to the lawyers in the vicinity of the bank block, each of whom in turn heard her story and offered encouragement, but strangely each was unable to assume the care of the case. Various sorts of advice were given her gratis, (Great Scott!) and she finally departed satisfied that in time she would secure a legal separation from the man whose name she bore. Whence she came no one seemed to know.

Sunday Night Luncheon Suggestions.

For the Sunday evening lunch something dainty and toothsome is always wanted, but sometimes hard to decide upon. One of the newest and best things to be found is "Vienna sausages." Sounds queer, doesn't it—sausages for a Sunday night lunch? But if you'll try them once you'll not regret it. They are small and dainty, finely flavored, and can be served either chilled or warmed. They come in small cans and are ready for instant use on opening. Sardines—did you know there were two kinds? The P. and C. is a genuine sardine, imported, while the thick boxes at a low price are small herring, canned in Maine, and in no way compare with the genuine article. Our Queen olives are the best to be had in the wholesale market, and our oil for salad dressing is pure and fresh, nothing rancid about it. Ham, beef, and veal loaf are new meat preparations of excellent quality. Truffled woodcock, grouse, partridge and quail are among the game pates we can give you, and calves' tongues and boned chicken will offer suggestions of numerous possibilities in the lunch line. Of course you will have coffee with your lunch. The best is Chase & Sanborn's High Grade, to be had only in parchment-lined gray bags, and then only of J. F. Foley.

The very best groceries that money can buy.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

C. A. LeGro, Palmer. O. P. Allen, Palmer
Fred M. Royce, Wales. G. L. Keeney, Monson
G. H. Stratton, Monson.

Resolutions.

Resolutions on the death of Bro. Henry J. Eaton:

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother and Master Workman, Henry J. Eaton, therefore be it

Resolved, That we mourn the loss of a just, true and honorable brother of our fraternity, we hereby tender our heartfelt sympathy to his brother and relatives in their bereavement, and trust that the all-wise and merciful God, who has removed from them a kind and loving brother and relative, will watch over and be their strong support in time of trouble.

Resolved, That the resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our order, and that a copy be sent to his brother and family.

JOHN WILSON,
JAMES WILSON,
SHUBAEL WELLS,
Committee.

WANTED.—Sunday operator at the telephone office.

TENEMENT of four rooms and one of seven rooms to rent. A. L. HILLS, Knox St.

FOR SALE.—Pure blood Buff Cochin cockerels and pullets. L. E. CHANDLER, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—White Plymouth Rock and Buff Leghorn eggs, none better. $1 per 15. 1-4
O. J. WAID, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Converse avenue. Inquire of W. W. LEACH, Palmer. 47-tf

FOR SALE.—The farm, stock, farming utensils, etc., of the late L. L. Squier, located in the west part of Monson. 50-3

FOR SALE.—Extra large double bed and dressing table; in good condition. Will sell cheap for cash. M. SCOTT FRENCH, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Two 6-room tenements in Cross Block.
Inquire of F. F. MARCY or D. L. BODFISH.

FOR SALE.—Brown leghorn eggs for hatching; $1.00 for 13. D. J. SULLIVAN,
1-5 School street, Thorndike.

FOR SALE.—One two-seated carriage, one good express wagon. Also cheap buggy.
51-tf GEO. A. KEITH, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—A bargain in real estate, corner Park and Maple Sts., Palmer. For terms and particulars address, or call on
1-tf W. W. LEACH, Palmer.

TO RENT in Three Rivers, a good house, formerly owned by Louis F. Hubert. Grand chance to keep hens.
31-tf D. F. HOLDEN, Palmer, Mass.

TO RENT.—Tenement of 7 rooms on Central street. Furnaces heat, both hot and cold water, desirable location. Inquire of
32-tf H. W. McGREGORY, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—Eggs for hatching. Black Minorcas, Silver Hamburgs and Rhode Island Reds, $1 per setting. JOHN RILEY,
1-4 Box 2, Thorndike.

Alteration Sale of Gent's Clothing, Suits,

Overcoats, Pants, Bicycle Suits, Bicycle Pants, Etc.
Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Etc.

We have a good assortment of **Boys' Overcoats, Ulsters, and Reefers** to be closed out at unheard of prices.

Ladies' Jackets of all colors.
Tailor-Made Suits and Skirts.
Silk Waists, Etc.

Sale Will Begin Friday Evening April 6.

OPEN EVERY EVENING.

Jacob Wilson, Dunn's Block, Three Rivers, Mass.

Opposite Riverside Hotel.

CARD.—I wish to return my heartfelt thanks to our kind neighbors and friends, who by their kind words and deeds helped to lighten the sorrow in my late affliction, and for the beautiful flowers. May the richest of heaven's blessings be yours to enjoy.

JOHN H. HAYNES AND FRIENDS.

Palmer, April 4, 1900.

Wanted.

A man of energy, ability and integrity to represent us in Central Massachusetts. Weekly salary and commission. Apply by letter giving references, age, and previous occupation.
G. & C. MERRIAM CO., Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. Ida Grenier,
GENERAL TRAINED NURSE,
Three Rivers, ..., at residence Dr. Fournier. Telephone 2-4.

STEAM CARPET CLEANING.

Have your Carpets cleaned at Kenerson's Steam Carpet Cleaning Works. Carpets in the Depot Village called for and delivered without charge. Mail orders promptly attended to.
Also Lawn Mowers Repaired and Sharpened, and all kinds of light machine work done.
Geo. B. Kenerson, Park St., Palmer.

WOODLAND NURSERY.

Fruit Trees and Small Fruits.
Climbing and Everblooming Roses.
Flowering Shrubs, Vines, Etc.
Nice lot Sugar Maples, 12 to 14 ft.
.....Call on or write to.....
J. T. GEER, THREE RIVERS, MASS.

Visit Mme. R. L. Fournier

for EASTER HATS and BONNETS at popular prices. Place your order early. Large Hats a specialty, also Children's Hats.

350 Main St., (Room 2,) Springfield.

NOTICE.

Having moved my wood yard and fitted up with large **Storage Sheds**, supplied with steam heat, I am now prepared to furnish the public with a fine quality of

DRY WOOD,

both hard and soft, sawed, sawed and split, or four foot, in quantities to suit. Order slate at J. F. Foley's store. Residence 49 Central street, telephone connection, No. 26-3.

H. A. NORTHROP, Palmer.

LeGro's Cherry Balsam.

For Coughs, Colds and Lung Troubles.

A family medicine for baby and adult.
It should be in every household.

LeGro's Drug Store,
Main Street, Palmer.

TOWN OF PALMER.
NOTICE TO LICENSE APPLICANTS.
All applications for liquor licenses in the town of Palmer for the year beginning May 1st, 1900, must be in the hands of the chairman of the board of selectmen on or before 6 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, the 11th day of April, 1900. No applications will be received after that hour.
Per order Board of Selectmen,
1-1 G. M. ATKINS, Chairman.

TOWN OF PALMER.
PROPOSALS FOR COAL.
The School Committee invites bids for Indian Ridge or Pittston Coal, to be delivered as follows: Bondsville, grate, tons, egg, 3 tons; Thorndike, grate, 50 tons, stove 5 tons; Three Rivers, grate, 45 tons; Palmer grammar school, in the new building when completed, grate, 60 tons; high school, egg, 35 tons; Wire Mill, egg, 7 tons. Coal is to be screened and weighed by a sworn weigher, weight bills to accompany each load as delivered. All bids must be in by 12 o'clock noon, on Thursday, May 10, 1900. Bids shall be mailed to School Committee, Palmer, Mass., marked "Proposals for Coal." The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Real Estate Agency.

I am prepared to buy and sell all kinds of Real Estate and other property on commission at reasonable rates.

Come and get fair treatment and quick returns.

Arthur E. Fitch,

Bank Building, Palmer, Mass.

Picture Frames } Made to Order.

We call your attention to our many new styles of Mouldings which we have recently received, making our line of samples complete.

You are invited to call and see them at the Photograph Studio, Commercial Street, also at the Framing Department, Bank Block.

We also call your attention to our Photographs which we make in all finishes.

A Good Place to Buy Frames. } **Woodhead Bros., Palmer.**

If your buildings are not insured,
If your insurance has nearly expired,
Come and see me.

I will place your property in the best of companies.

I am also agent for the
Travelers' Insurance Co., of Hartford.
Take out an accident policy.
If you should get hurt they will take care of you.

. . . Collections a Specialty. . . .

Calvin W. Hastings,

Office with T. W. Kenefick. Telephone Call, 13-21.

Lynde's Block, Palmer.

Annual Spring Opening.

...YOU...

are cordially invited to attend our

Annual Spring Opening

.....of.....

Suits,
Skirts,
Shirt Wa

The Exquisite Charms

...OF OUR...

Easter Creations

must be seen in all their wonderful variety to be appreciated.

Foreign and home skill have evoked from lovely flowers and ribbon, models of loveliness and elegance.

We have a large collection of children's hats. Artistic in style.

Our flower counter has all the tints in nature and art.

M. & M. GAVIN,

Monson.

Forbes & Wallace,

Springfield, April, 1900.

Easter only one week away

And what a world of getting ready for the Spring Coming-out there is, to be sure. That new hat must be ordered, new tailor-made suits bought, new silk waist, new dress, new gloves, new neckwear, new underthings, to be got. We offer you the great resources of this store. Its styles are metropolitan and truly up-to-date. Its assortments, vaster by far than you'll find elsewhere in this region, and unsurpassed, in many instances, by those of any establishment in the country.

Are you going to be ready for Easter?

Women's Stylish Suits.

The number of tailor-made suits going out every day is surprising, and yet we have a right to expect large patronage when we offer such excellence and fashion at such prices.

The range is from $12.50 to $125.00 the suit—all degrees of suit worth and style between.

Easter Offerings in the

Boys' Clothing Store.

The best Spring Stock of boys' clothing that this store ever was privileged to offer the fathers and mothers of Western Massachusetts.

This clothing is absolutely correct in fit and style, and trustworthy as to material and workmanship. It is fit clothing for particular boys, and the prices are as reasonable as we can make them.

Forbes & Wallace,

Main, Vernon and Pynchon Streets,

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

FIRE DISTRICT MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS — HAMPDEN ss.

To the qualified voters of Fire District No. 1 of Palmer, you are hereby notified to meet at the Court Room of the District Court of Eastern Hampden, in said Palmer, on Tuesday, the tenth day of April next, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Clerk, Treasurer, Prudential Committee, Auditor, Board of Engineers and all other officers and committees that may be necessary for the ensuing year and give them instructions.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Treasurer, Prudential Committee, Auditor and Board of Engineers, and act on the same.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the Fire Department and annual rental of the Palmer Water Co.

ART. 5. To see what action the District will take toward paying the Treasurer, Board of Engineers and Firemen for the ensuing year, and raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary.

ART. 6. To see if the District will instruct the collector to add interest to taxes paid after Oct. 1st of the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of new Hose.

ART. 8. To see what action the District will take in regard to the employment of a Fire Patrol and raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary for the same.

Given under my hand this twenty-ninth day of March, 1900.

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FRANCIS D. BARTON, CLERK,
Fire District No. 1 of Palmer.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.— HAMPDEN ss. March 26th, A. D., 1900.

Taken on execution and will be sold by public auction, on Monday, the thirtieth day of April, A. D., 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon in front of the Court House, on Church Street, Palmer, Mass., all the right, title and interest which Caroline A. Brothers of the City and County of Worcester had not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution on the eleventh day of January A. D., 1900, at eight o'clock a. m., (being the time the same was attached by me on mesne process) in and to the following described real estate, to wit: A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, in Palmer Center, in said Palmer and bounded and described as follows: south-westerly by land of Lawrence Brothers, westerly by land formerly of Joseph Naylor, easterly by land formerly of Melissa Shaw and south-easterly by highway leading from said Palmer Center to Palmer Depot, so-called, and are same premises conveyed by deed of Emulous Harvey dated September 28th, 1887, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 438, Page 229.

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HIRAM D. OSBORNE, Deputy-Sheriff

We repeat that the

"Domestic Wrapper"

Our	is
Spring	best
Line	and
Just	costs
Opened.	no more than trash.

Stone, ... Palmer.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 6, 1900.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

DEATH OF E. P. KEEP.

Had Been Sick But a Short Time With Pneumonia.

Deacon Edward P. Keep, 66, died at his home on Coburn Hill Tuesday evening of pneumonia after an illness of less than two weeks. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late home, Rev. F. S. Hatch conducting the services; Mr. and Mrs. Norcross sang. The burial was in the Center cemetery; the bearers were Charles C. Keep, Wesley A. Squier, F. Wesley Grant and William B. Grant.

Edward Purington Keep was a descend-

ant of one of the old families of Monson. He was the son of Ethan and Eliza (Purington) Keep and was born June 25, 1833, in Monson. He was educated in the schools of the village and the Academy. When a young man he went to work for his uncle, D. Marcus Chapin, on the farm owned by the late A. M. Severy. In 1853 he, with Deacon Chapin, bought the farm where he lived at the time of his death, and which he sold seven years ago to his son, C. C. Keep. Deacon Keep joined the Monson Congregational church when a young man, and was a member of the choir for over 20 years. In 1870 he was elected deacon which office he held at the time of his death. He was married November 30, 1858, to Mary Esther Grant, daughter of Benjamin and Lucy (Shaw) Grant, this family being also among the early settlers of the town. They had six children, two of whom died in infancy, and one at the age of 22; those living are Charles C., who married Miss Pearl Beckwith, Jennie, the wife of Wesley A. Squier and Mary Esther Keep, who lives at home. Deacon Keep was a man greatly respected and beloved, and one who will be much missed in the church and by a large circle of friends.

Funeral of Theodore Reynolds.

The funeral of Theodore Reynolds of Monson, whose death occurred Thursday evening of last week, took place at his late home Saturday afternoon. Relatives and friends filled the large house. The ushers were William Kennedy and C. W. King. The services were conducted by Rev. C. C. Conner of the Universalist church, assisted by Rev. F. S. Hatch of the Congregational church. After offering prayer Mr. Conner read from the Scriptures and from the poets. A prayer by Mr. Hatch followed, and then the benediction. The bearers were C. M. Gage, F. E. Morris, E. D. Cushman, R. P. Cushman, John Cross, and E. J. Van Sickle of New York. The burial was in the family lot in the Main street cemetery. The flowers, of which there were a profusion, were for the most part roses and violets. There were two baskets of roses, a large flat basket of roses and violets from the employes, a wreath of roses, an ivy wreath having a bunch of roses fastened upon it, a pair of Sago palm fronds, the counterpart of which were placed upon R. M. Reynolds's casket two years ago by Mr. Theodore, a square and compass of mixed flowers from the Masons, and an anchor, also of mixed flowers. The ceremony at the grave consisted of Scripture reading by Mr. Hatch, followed by a prayer. Among the out of town people were Eli Whitney Reynolds of Medfield and Joseph W. Reynolds of Westboro, half brother and nephew of Mr. Reynolds, Charles Munn of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Lavater S. Munn, Mrs. Louise Gallup, Mrs. Charles Fuller, Robert Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gardner and W. C. Dewey, all of Springfield, Mrs. James Loomis of Palmer, David Letter of Boston, E. J. Van Sickle of New York, John Cross of Chelsea and Dr. William Holbrook of Palmer.

Death of Mrs. Harrison Barlow.

Helen M., 59, wife of Harrison Barlow, died at her home in Hardwick Sunday morning of lung fever after a week's illness. Mrs. Barlow was well known in Monson, having spent the greater part of her life here. The funeral was held Wednesday, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Barlow, Miss Julia E. Smith, Mrs. Harrison Howe, Mrs. C. F. Orcutt and Miss Alice Parke of this town were present; the bearers were the four Barlow brothers, including Henry M. Mrs. Barlow was the only daughter of Marcius and Mary Ann Shaw, and was born in Monson. She went to the public schools and Academy, and was a favorite among her acquaintances. She was organist for many years at the old Congregational church, and was an alto singer, she and Mrs. C. F. Orcutt singing together at many funerals. For a number of years her eyes had caused her much suffering, and at times the sight was much affected. About ten years ago she went with her husband to Hardwick to live. She leaves, besides her husband, one daughter, a baby having died in infancy.

Miss Jennie Mann is ill with the grippe.

W. S. Nason is employed in a woolen mill at Somerville.

Ned Sutcliffe is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ansel Ward, in Athol.

Bertram Carvahlo, who has been ill with diphtheria, is convalescent.

Mrs. Marvin Bradway of Springfield visited Monson friends this week.

Harold Thompson is at home from Marion for the Easter vacation.

Ned Sutcliffe has been confined to the house several days with tonsilitis.

The King's Daughters' sewing circle met Wednesday with Mrs. J. N. Graves.

Miss Maud Aldrich is home for the Easter vacation from Mt. Holyoke College.

Mrs. Donald Grady, who has been ill with the grippe, is able to be out this week.

Miss Hattie L. Orcutt returned Wednesday from a visit to Westfield and Chicopee.

The Monson orchestra is to play in D. L. Bodfish's store, Palmer, to-morrow, from 2 till 9 p. m.

Miss Leonora Stiles is teaching the East Hill school in place of Miss M. Esther Keep, resigned.

The winter term of Monson Academy closed last Friday. The spring term will open next Tuesday.

W. C. Nelson, of the Boston Normal Art School, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Nelson.

Just My Size.

so says the small boy in our window.

Just My Style

you will say of the shoes we are showing

For Spring.

Both size and price and style will please you, for I have carefully selected my spring stock till I feel satisfied that the goods are

Up-to-date.

Remember now as in years gone by I shall sell the best goods procurable for the money invested.

Yours for Honest Prices.

Geo. L. Fuller,

THE SHOEIST,

. . . Monson.

The University Extension class will meet next Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of W. L. Ricketts.

Misses Frost and Simpson, the New York evangelists, have visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace Squier this week.

Charles Merrick is erecting a store building of the "monitor" pattern in the yard south of his house on Main street.

Miss Helen Pease of Smith College is spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pease.

Rev. S. G. Dunham of Newton will be the preacher at the Universalist church Tuesday evening, in the last of the Lenten services.

The Methodist church will be closed Sunday morning and the members of the congregation have been invited by Rev. F. S. Hatch to worship at his church.

Have you seen the small boy in Fuller's window? He seems to be perfectly satisfied with his bargain in shoes, and sees no reason why others should not be with theirs.

The members of the Current Events club received postals this week from Miss Alice A. Morris, dated at Rome. Miss Morris has sent them cards from various stopping places on the trip.

On account of the funeral of Deacon Keep, the meeting of the Current Events Club, which was to have been held this afternoon, was omitted. The meeting next week will be with Mrs. R. P. Cushman.

A change was made in the speaker for the next week Lenten service at the Congregational church, and Prof. E. K. Mitchell, D. D., of the Hartford Theological Seminary, preached last evening instead of Mr Koehne of Chicago.

Palm Sunday will be observed at the Universalist church with fitting services The pastor will preach in the morning on "Defeat and triumph." The subject of the Christian Union at 7 p. m. will be, "Victory by standing firm."

Young people who ought to know better have defaced the interior of the turret of the cemetery arch by inscribing their names and sentiments upon the white tiling. The marks will be removed, and it is hoped that no more will be placed there.

The King's Daughters will hold a sale and serve a supper in the Methodist church Wednesday evening, the 18th, and the sewing circle connected with this order will meet next Wednesday with the Misses Orcutt. The regular business meeting will be held next Friday evening with Mrs. W. H. Pease.

Rev. A. R. Nichols of the Methodist church is attending the New England conference at Fitchburg. It is expected that he will be transferred to another charge. During the three years of his pastorate over the Monson church he and his wife have made many warm friends who sincerely regret their departure. The financial depression of the town during the past two years has made the raising of the amount which a man of Mr. Nichols's ability should be paid a difficult matter for the society. Mr. Nichols and Mr. Hatch exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

Mrs. L. Frank Holmes's brother, Edward H. Aldrich of Crawford, N. J., a former resident of North Main street and Academy student '71-'74, has just returned from a trip to Rome, Italy, where he visited his mother, his aunt, Mrs. Charles Fox of Stafford Springs, his sisters, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Hector de Castro, wife of the U. S. consul general at Rome, and his nieces, Mrs. Lieut. Armando Mola and Miss Sara Holmes. He visited many places of historic interest and was presented to King Humbet and Queen Marguerite. His health was much improved by the voyage.

Rev. A. L. Squier, formerly of Monson, preached his farewell sermon in the West Roxbury Methodist church last Sunday, and the Boston *Herald* says of him: "Mr. Squier has been pastor there for the last two years. During his pastorate he has made many friends, not alone in his own congregation, but in the whole community. Many gratifying changes have occurred in the church under his guidance. The attendance has more than doubled, and for the first time the church is free from debt. Several repairs have been made in the church edifice, including new chairs to the audience room. The building is already inadequate for the regular congregation."

THREE RIVERS.

John Roberts has returned from a visit in Springfield.

Rev. E. S. Rivard preached in the Baptist church Sunday.

George Rycroft spent Sunday at the home of J. H. Trickett.

Mrs. Lina Collins of Worcester visited Mrs. S. M. Powell last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Walker have returned from their wedding trip.

The three-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John McAdam died Wednesday.

A. S. Barton has taken a position in the machine shop of the Palmer Mill.

Miss Eugenie Dumas of Hartford is working at Mrs. L. M. Paine's millinery store.

Miss Hattie Hubert of Bondsville gave her parents on Baptist Hill a call last Sabbath.

Albert Walder, who has been working in Ware during the winter, has returned to Three Rivers.

Miss Blanche McLean entertained a number of friends at her home on Maple street Tuesday evening.

The three-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Desormier, who was scalded last week, died Saturday.

Miss Annie B. Crance has nearly recovered from her illness, and will take charge of her school next term.

The advertisement of Jacob Wilson in another column will be found interesting to any who may be in search of bargains in clothing.

Mrs. J. Burlingame of Baptist Hill has been sick with grippe for nearly two weeks, and is now laid up with rheumatism.

THORNDIKE.

John Riley has sold his fish business to Frederick Gay.

John McGrath has sold his blacksmith business to Ware people.

Mrs. Eva Bishop has been visiting at the home of her parents the past week.

Mrs. William Smith Sr., has been quite ill the past week with heart trouble.

St. Mary's Total Abstinence society is adding many new members from Bondsville.

Richard Chabbott and family will soon move to Plainfield, where he has rented a farm.

Mrs. G. A. Murdock returned this week from Millbury, where she has been visiting her daughter.

Edward Longtine and Charles McCarthy Jr., of West Warren passed Sunday with their parents in town.

Mrs. Nathan Talmage entertained the members of the Ladies' Benevolent Society at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Canvassers for the Columbian band bazar report splendid progress, and indications already point towards a successful bazar.

Travel over the long bridge near the No. 1 mill was delayed for a time on Tuesday by the caving in of the earth at one end, making it unsafe.

The baseball season will open in Thorndike to-morrow afternoon with a game on the church grounds between the Ideals and Juniors, two local clubs.

Dr. J. C. Boulay and wife were thrown

A WAY THEY HAVE.

What this Palmer Citizen Says Only Corroborates the Story of Thousands.

The particulars related by this representative citizen of Palmer are similar to hundreds of others in this city. When there are scores of people, all anxious to tell about the benefits received from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills, the greatest skeptic in Palmer must be convinced. Read this:

Mrs. Mary Kimball of South Main St., says: "In the fall of 1896 I gave a statement to the gentleman who interviewed me about Doan's Kidney Pills, and I have seen it dozens of times in our local papers. The results obtained from the use of that preparation have been lasting, and for the benefit of others in Palmer who have kidney complaint and wish to get rid of it I will repeat in substance what I said: I was troubled with backache, pain in my head and dizzy spells, particularly if I were doing anything which required bending forward. On retiring at night I was not in my bed very long before my back commenced to ache, and very often, too often to suit me, I could not sleep. After taking a thorough course of Doan's Kidney Pills obtained at LeGro's drug store, I was cured. I have never had backache, kidney trouble or lameness across my loins since I stopped the treatment. At the present time I do not require a medicine of any kind. I unhesitatingly say that I never got so much relief from any medicinal treatment or obtained such quick results as from Doan's Kidney Pills. I am continually recommending them to my acquaintances."

For sale by all dealers, price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name—Doan's and take no other.

Fraham a carriage on Wednesday night near Forest Lake, but escaped uninjured. The horse freed itself and ran to Three Rivers, where it was caught.

Michael Carro, who came from Austria last week, left his boarding place Thursday night after supper and has not been seen since. His friends are anxious as to his whereabouts.

The funeral of Zofie Sajidyra of Three Rivers was held this morning from St. Mary's church, where a requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. F. J. Lynch. Burial was in the cemetery in Thorndike.

BONDSVILLE.

Mrs. H. G. Alley spent Monday in Springfield.

Dr. Augur of New York called on friends in town Tuesday.

R. L. Thayer of Smith's is the new clerk at C. L. Holden & Sons'.

Mrs. Orissa Merrifield returned Monday from a week's visit in Springfield.

Mrs. E E. Ryther was called to Enfield Sunday by the illness of Mrs. Harry Ryther.

A Pole employed at the Boston mill had two fingers badly mangled in the picker Tuesday.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Butterfield died Saturday. The burial was at Four Corners.

Sever Pilon will move his family to Easthampton Saturday, having secured a position in one of the factories there.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Spencer have gone to Blackstone, where Mr. Spencer has secured employment in the Blackstone mill.

John Cook of Putney, Vt., has purchased the E. B. Gates farm of Leon Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett will occupy a part of the house for a time.

The auction sale of stock and farming tools on the Ferriter place in South Belchertown was postponed until next Tuesday.

It is rumored that hereafter mass will not be celebrated in the French Catholic church, and all desiring to attend mass will go to Three Rivers.

Mrs. Charles D. Sword of Hartford has been making a short visit to her parents. She returned to Hartford Monday, accompanied by her father, R. L. Bond.

Frank Bashforth has resigned as slasher tender in the Boston duck mill to take a similar position at Greylock, where he was employed before coming to this village five years ago.

Peter Ostegy has left the employ of the Boston Duck Company to take the positon of second-hand of warp spinning at the West Warren mills, and will move to that place Monday.

Quite a number of Bondsville people attended the readings from David Harum at Palmer Tuesday evening, and others went to Monson to hear Rev. Mr. Conklin at the Universalist church.

Rev. Father Leonard, who has been supplying at St. Bartholomew's church during the absence of the pastor, Rev. B. McKeany, is to be transferred to Pittsfield to act as curate to Rev. Father Boyle, formerly of Ware.

H. G. Alley left Tuesday for Fitchburg to attend the annual session of the New England conference now being held in that city. O A. Parent also is attending the conference as a delegate to the lay electoral conference.

Quite a lively blaze was started by a small boy on High street yesterday forenoon in Cavin's lot. Considerable territory was burned over, but the fire was confined to underbrush and no serious damage done.

EAST BRIMFIELD.

The people of this village were very much grieved and surprised at the sudden death of Elmer W. Agard Mr. Agard was a young man much liked by all his shopmates and the townspeople. He was sick with measles and appeared to be doing finely when the change came like a bolt that snapped the young life. The funeral was held from the church Wednesday morning; burial was in the Brimfield cemetery.

HOLLAND.

Fifty new books have been added to the library.

The Centre school opened its spring term Monday.

A social was held Thursday evening in the town hall.

George Davis has recently left town to return to his former position in Webster.

The Academy pupils returned Tuesday to their duties at Brimfield, after a short vacation.

The Congregational society has elected the following officers: Clerk, A. F. Blodgett; treasurer, Francis Wight; parish committee, F. B. Blodgett, Francis Wight, Otis Williams; collector, Charles A. Webber.

BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. Chase of Newport, R. I, is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Livermore, who has been very ill.

The Hitchcock Academy opened Tuesday after a ten days' vacation, and the town schools will commence next Monday.

Miss Ida Brown and Charles George were married on Wednesday of last week at the bride's home in Brimfield. Only immediate relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. George will reside in Brimfield.

A farewell reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Kyle at the church last week Tuesday evening. A purse of money was presented by Dea. Corbin.

E. P. Fiske came Tuesday to remain for a time at the hotel.

The regular meeting of the Grange was held Tuesday evening. The farce, "Seeing the Elephant," was presented.

BELCHERTOWN.

Mrs. Guy C. Allen fell over a dog last week Thursday night and broke her collar bone. She was attended by Dr. Seegur, who said it was fortunate that the elbow cap was not broken, as she struck on her elbow when she fell.

Young Man Missing.

Orison Lane, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lane, has been missing from his home for several weeks and his friends are greatly alarmed at his disappearance. About a year ago he had an operation performed for appendicitis and has been in poor health ever since Seven weeks ago he went to Hadley to secure work, and wrote his father that he had decided not to return home. No trace has been found of him since that time, although his father has sought for him diligently. Mr. and Mrs. Lane lost a son in the Cuban war, and they have the sympathy of a large number of friends in their trouble.

WALES.

William O. Underwood is very ill with grippe and dropsy.

The new milliner has arrived, and a fine stock of millinery can be found at E & E. Lanphear's store.

Did Not Steal the Money.

Deputy Sheriff Northrop made a flying trip to Wales Tuesday to arrest a man for stealing money from a house. Application was made to Special Justice McFarland for a warrant, the sheriff was telephoned for and was on hand in less than an hour and a half. When he entered the house the supposed thief was there, not having thought he was suspected of the crime. On being confronted with the charge he stoutly denied it, and seemed so honest that the officer thought there might be some mistake, and inquired of the compainant where his money had been lost. On being told he had put it under the pillow of his bed and it was gone, the officer suggested that the bed be shaken, to which the complainant replied he had "shook it like h—ll" and the money was not there, but the office thought best to look again, when the lost pocketbook containing $75 was found under the mattress, just at the head of the bed, where it evidently had slipped.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try Jell-O, a delicious dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No baking! add hot water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocer's. 10 cents.

Jell-O, The New Dessert,

pleases all the family. Four flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocer's. 10 cents. Try it to-day.

Many School Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, Break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all druggists', 25 cents. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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The Boston Journal's Modern Method of Illustrating the News.

The Boston *Journal* is bringing the people and events of the day vividly before its readers by the photographic half-tones which it is printing in every issue. That it leads all other papers in the results secured by this method of illustration is conceded by other newspapers, as well as by the public. No other method of illustration is so faithfully and so pleasingly reproduce portraits or pictures as this half-tone process. The pictures of the scenes and incidents in the Boer war which the *Journal* is printing add a great deal to the interest of its news reports. The Boston *Journal* has always been known as the great war newspaper of New England, and it is maintaining its reputation fully in the present war.

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Flour is not a one sided flour. Its goodness isn't confined to bread making. No matter what you bake—bread, biscuits, rolls, pastry—from pound cake to angel cake through the whole realm of cooking there's no flour made that will serve you better. You can always rely on its effectiveness to produce results worthy of your efforts. Then there's the economy side of
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FOR
ALL

WARREN.

The King's Daughters meet with Miss Mary Burbank this afternoon.

Miss Florence Holman of Chicopee is spending the week at her home on Quaboag street.

Mrs. Charles Houghton and Miss Mabel of Roslindale are guests of Mrs. J. W. Hastings.

The Woman's Board of Missions met with Mrs. George Shumway Wednesday afternoon.

The annual sale of pews of the Universalist parish was held at Grand Army hall Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Lottie E. Demond and daughters started Wednesday for a ten-days' trip to Washington, D. C.

Court Warren, Foresters of America, will hold their bazar in the town hall the 19th, 20th and 21st. There will be dancing and a different program each evening, and music will be furnished by Hoone's orchestra.

Oliver Cassaran, 72, died Sunday morning of heart disease, after a short illness. A widow, two daughters and three sons, survive him. The funeral was held in St. Paul's church Tuesday morning, with burial in the Catholic cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holdsworth spent Sunday at their home on Maple street. They leave to-morrow for Pittsburg, where Mr. Holdsworth has accepted a position as draughtsman. Augustus Kelly takes Mr. Holdsworth's position with the Blake Manufacturing Company at Cambridge.

The Rural Improvement Society will celebrate its 18th anniversary by an open meeting in Grand Army Hall next Monday evening. Miss Edith Canning will give a talk on "Out of door art," illustrated by stereopticon. Various phases of the work will be presented by Mr. Allen, Miss Burbank, and others.

Lester Burroughs's new pair of horses took fright at the electric cars Tuesday afternoon and ran up School street, and turning down Otis street ran into a tree at the corner of Hillside avenue. The horses were hitched to a heavy team and the seat slipped out from under the driver so he could not hold them. The wagon was somewhat damaged but the driver and horses were not hurt.

WARE.

The third annual ball given by the Knights of Columbus will be held the 18th. The decorations will be arranged by George A. Murray of Springfield, and music will be furnished by the Philharmonic orchestra of Springfield.

Mrs. George Lamberton died of pneumonia after a short illness. Besides a husband she leaves three daughters and two sons. The funeral was held at the residence Wednesday afternoon.

Arrangements are being made for a bicycle road race the 19th. It is thought the course will be to Gilbertville and return, starting from Commercial hotel.

The Twentieth Century Club has disbanded and the Young Men's Union has bought all the furniture which belonged to the club.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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Does Coffee Agree With You?

If not, drink Grain-O—made from pure grains. A lady writes: "The first time I made Grain-O I did not like it, but after using it for one week nothing would induce me to go back to coffee." It nourishes and feeds the system. The children can drink it freely with great benefit. It is the strengthening substance of pure grains. Get a package to-day from your grocer, follow the directions in making it and you will have a delicious and healthful table beverage for old and young. 15c and 25c.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Table Talk.

The April issue of *Table Talk* has for its leading article "A Fagot of Herbs," which will interest practical housekeepers. "A Chapter for Tea Drinkers" is an article containing much information on this subject. "An Easter-article that will appeal to all who wish to entertain any friends at that time. It gives a menu for an Easter luncheon, colors white and yellow, and menu for Easter dinner, colors white and green, with full description how to prepare it and arrange the decorations. Another timely article is "Easter Day," telling the legends of its Lilies, Ancient Customs, Easter Cakes, etc. "A Walk Through China Town" refers to the latest styles and shapes in chinaware and cut glass. It is full of up-to date information. "The Housekeepers' Inquiry Department," as usual, is filled with information subscribers have asked for.

Table Talk publishes menus for each meal in the month, and then gives full and practical information how to carry them out. Many other practical articles make the April number of value to women. It is a magazine that every woman wants every day and our readers can have a sample copy free on request to the *Table Talk* Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Muslin Underwear

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For a few days we offer Ladies' Muslin Underwear at last year's prices. A saving of

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Isn't this worth looking after?

Skirts, Night Robes, Drawers, Corset Covers, Chemise.

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Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from first dose. She continued its and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this great discovery at C. A. LeGro's Palmer; G. L. Keeney's Monson. Only 50 cents and $1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting, and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by C. A. LeGro Palmer; G. L. Keeney Monson.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures them, also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains. Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by C. A. LeGro Palmer; G. L. Keeney Monson.

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Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cents at C. A. LeGro's Palmer; G. L. Keeney's Monson.

Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease,

a powder to shake into your shoes. It rests the feet. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen and Sweating feet. At all Druggists' and shoe stores. 25 cents. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Spring Wear for Ladies.

An elegant line of

Beautiful Silk Waists

From to $22. As fine an assortment as you ever saw. Also

Elegant Tailor-Made Suits.

Just what you want, all prices. And the finest assortment of

Ladies' Mackintoshes

You ever saw.

Wait for my wagon.

Harris Berman.

GALA WEEK

At "The Big Store."

An exposition of Haynes' magnitude. The facilities for buying were never better. The Greatest Display of Spring Clothes ever presented to the public await you this week. Paramount Values—true and matchless—Such Values as have convulsed the one hundred per cent adherents, and established a concern whose indestructible principle is fairness and liberality.

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Girls' Dresses and Wraps.

The little girls and young women are better provided for here this season than ever before. What was once an expensive money-losing adjunct to the woman's garment business is now the sole livelihood of quite ambitious manufacturers. The result has been magical. Girls' clothing has taken highest position in fashion. The special tailor cannot make smarter costumes, nor can the dressmaker conjure more dainty dresses than we can show, all ready to put on.

This means a wonderful saving of worry to mothers; and it means a saving in cost as well.

If you have not seen our present collection of Children's Garments, you do not know what remarkable progress has been made along these lines. These price suggestions:

Girls' Reefers, $2.50 to $15.00.
Girls' Tailor-made Suits, $6.00 to $20.00
Girls' Sailor Suits, $5.00 to $12.00.
Girls' Wool Dresses, $2.00 to $12.50.
Girls' Reception Dresses, $10.00.
Girls' Separate Skirts, $2.48 to $7.00.
Girls' Wool Walsts. $1.38 to $2.48.
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All the Fishing Tackle we offer is perfectly made and the material used is good quality.

Our line of RODS is worthy of the fullest confidence. They will not be found wanting when the largest fish is on the hook. Come in and look over the assortment of Fancy Flies. The prices as well as the goods will meet with your approval.

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Everything a Man Needs in Clothing.

Prices For Footwear.

I have decided to close several lines of Ladies' Fine Shoes if prices will do it.

Ladies' Fine Dongola High Storm Lace Shoes, were $4.50, now $3.49.
Ladies' Fine Box Calf Lace Shoes, Storm Cut, were $3.50, now $2.69.
Ladies' Button or Lace Shoes, Kid or Pat. Tip, only $1.49.

All Winter Goods for Ladies or Gents, Boys or Youths, Misses or Children, will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

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THE CRUCIFIXION OF PHILIP STRONG.

By REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON,

Author of "In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?" "Malcom Kirk," "Robert Hardy's Seven Days," Etc.

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CHAPTER XVI.

The day was beautiful and the church as usual crowded to the doors. There was a feeling of hardly concealed excitement on the part of Calvary church. The action of Thursday night had been sharply criticised. Very many thought Philip had gone beyond his right in bringing such an important subject before so small a meeting of the members, and the prospect of the approaching baptism and communion of the sexton had drawn in a crowd of people who ordinarily staid away from that service.

Philip generally had no preaching on communion Sunday. This morning he remained on the platform after the opening exercises, and in a stillness which was almost painful in its intensity he began to speak in a low but clear and impressive voice:

"Fellow disciples of the church of Christ on earth, we meet to celebrate the memory of that greatest of all beings, who, on the eve of his own greatest agony, prayed that his disciples might all be one. In that prayer he said nothing about color or race or difference of speech or social surroundings. His prayer was that his disciples might all be one—one in their aims, in their purposes, their sympathy, their faith, their hope, their love.

"An event has happened in this church very recently which makes it necessary for me to say these words. The Holy Spirit came into this room last Sunday and touched the hearts of several young men, who gave themselves then and there to the Lord Jesus Christ. Among the men was one of another race than the Anglo-Saxon. He was a black man. His heart was melted by the same love, his mind illuminated by the same truth. He desired to make confession of his belief, be baptized according to the commands of Jesus and unite with this church as a humble disciple of the lowly Nazarene. His name was presented with the rest at the regular committee meeting last Monday, and that committee, by a vote of 3 to 2, refused to present his name with recommendations for membership. On my own responsibility at the preparatory service Thursday night I asked the church to act upon this disciple's name. There was a legal quorum of the church present. By a vote of 26 to 12 the applicant for membership was received according to the rules of this church.

"But after that meeting the man came to me and said that he was unwilling to unite with the church, knowing that some objected to his membership. It was a natural feeling for him to have. We had a long talk over the matter. Since then I have learned that if a larger representation of members had been present at the preparatory meeting there is a possibility that the number voting against receiving the applicant would have been much larger than those who voted for him.

"Under all these circumstances I have deemed it my duty to say what I have thus far said and to ask the church to take the action I now propose. We are met here this morning in full membership. Here is a soul just led out of the darkness by the spirit of truth. He is one known to many of you as an honest, worthy man, for many years faithful in the discharge of his duties in this house. There is no Christian reason why he should be denied fellowship around this table. I wish, therefore, to ask the members of the church to vote again on the acceptance or rejection of Henry Roland, disciple of Jesus, who has asked for permission to this body of Christ in his name. Will all those in favor of thus receiving our brother into the great family of faith signify it by raising the right hand?"

For a moment not a person in the church stirred. Every one seemed smitten into astonished inaction by the sudden proposal of the minister. Then hands began to go up. Philip counted them, his heart beating with anguish as he foresaw the coming result. He waited a minute—it seemed to many like several minutes—and then said, "All those opposed to the admission of the applicant signify it by the same sign."

Again there was the same significant, reluctant pause, then half a dozen hands went up in front of the church. Instantly from almost every part of the house hands went up in numbers that almost doubled those who had voted in favor of admission. From the gallery on the sides, where several of Philip's workmen friends sat, a hiss arose. It was slight, but heard by the entire congregation. Philip glanced up there, and it instantly ceased.

Without another word he stepped down from the platform and began to read the list of those who had been received into church membership. He had almost reached the end of it when a person whose name was called last rose from his seat near the front, where all the newly received members were in the habit of sitting together, and, turning partly around as to face the congregation and still address Philip, he said:

"Mr. Strong, I do not feel as if, after what has taken place here this morning, I could unite with this church. This man who has been excluded from church membership is the son of a woman born into slavery on the estate of one of my relatives. That slave woman once nursed her master through a terrible illness and saved his life. This man, her son, was then a little child. But in the strange changes that have gone on since the war the son of the old master has been reduced to poverty and obliged to work for a living. He is now in this town. He is this very day lying upon a sick bed in the tenement district. And this black man has for several weeks out of his small earnings helped the son of his mother's master and cared for him through his illness with all the devotion of a friend.

"I have only lately learned these facts. But, knowing them as I do and believing that he is as worthy to sit about this table as any Christian here, I cannot reconcile the rejection with my own purpose to unite here. I therefore desire to withdraw my application for membership here. Mr. Strong, I desire to be baptized and partake of the communion as a disciple of Christ simply, not as a member of Calvary church. Can I do so?"

Philip replied in a choking voice, "You can." The man sat down. It was not the place for any demonstration, but again from the gallery came a slight but distinct note of applause. As before, it was ... Philip looked up. For a moment every one held his breath and waited for the minister's action. Philip's face was pale and stern. What his sensitive nature suffered in that moment no one ever knew, not even his wife, who almost started from her seat, fearing that he was about to faint. For a moment there was a hesitation about Philip's manner so unusual with him that some thought he was going to leave the church. But he quickly called on his will to assert its power, and, taking up the regular communion service, he calmly took charge of it as if nothing out of the way had occurred. He did not even allude to the morning's incident in his prayers. Whatever else the people might think of Philip they certainly could find no fault with his self possession. His conduct of the service on that memorable Sunday was admirable.

When it was over, he was surrounded by different ones who had taken part either for or against the sexton. There was much said about the matter. But all the arguments and excuses and comments on the affair could not remove the heartache from Philip. He could not reconcile the action of the church with the spirit of the church's Master, Jesus, and when he finally reached home and calmly reviewed the events of the morning he was more and more grieved for the church and for his Master. It seemed to him that a great mistake had been made and that Calvary church had disgraced the name of Christianity.

As he had been in the habit of doing since he moved into the neighborhood of the tenements, Philip went out in the afternoon to visit the sick and the sorrowful. The shutting down of the mills had resulted in an immense amount of suffering and trouble. As spring came on some few of the mills had opened, and men had found work in them at a reduction of wages. The entire history of the enforced idleness of thousands of men in Milton during that eventful winter would make a large volume of thrilling narrative. Philip's story but touches on this other. He had grown rapidly familiar with the different phases of life which loafed and idled and drank itself away during that period of inaction. Hundreds of men had drifted away to other places in search of work. Almost as many more had taken to the road to swell the ever increasing number of professional tramps and in time to develop into petty thieves and criminals. But those who remained had a desperate struggle with poverty. Philip grew sick at heart as he went among the people and saw the complete helplessness, the utter estrangement of sympathy and community of feeling between the church people and these representatives of the physical labor of the world. Every time he went out to do his visiting this feeling deepened in him. This Sunday afternoon in particular it seemed to him as if the depression and discouragement of the tenement district weighed on him like a great burden, bearing him down to the earth with sorrow and heartache.

He had been in the habit of going out to communion Sunday with the emblems of Christ to observe the rite by the bedsides of the aged or ill or those who could not get out to church. He carried with him this time a basket containing a part of the communion service. After going to the homes of one or two invalid church members he thought of the person who had been mentioned by the man in the morning as living in the tenement district and in a critical condition. He had secured his address, and after a little inquiry he soon found himself in a part of the tenements near to him.

He climbed up three flights of stairs and knocked at the door. It was opened by the sexton. He greeted Philip with glad surprise.

The minister smiled sadly.

"So, my brother, it is true you are serving your Master here? My heart is grieved at the action of the church this morning."

"Don't say anything, Mr. Strong. You did all you could, but you are just in time to see him." The sexton pointed into a small back room. "He is going fast. I didn't suppose he was so near. I would have asked you to come, but I didn't think he was failing so."

Philip followed the sexton into the room. The son of the old slave master

The gray shadow of the last enemy projected into the room.

was sinking rapidly. He was conscious, however, and at Philip's quiet question concerning his peace with God a smile passed over his face, and he moved his lips. Philip understood him. A sudden thought occurred to Philip. He opened the basket, took out the bread and wine, set them on the small table and said:

"Disciple of Jesus, would you like to partake of the blessed communion once more before you see the King in his glory?"

The gleam of satisfaction in the man's eyes told Philip enough. The sexton said in a low voice, "He belonged to the southern Episcopal church in Virginia." Something in the wistful look of the sexton gave Philip an inspiration for what followed.

"Brother," he said, turning to the sexton, "what is to hinder your baptism and partaking of the communion? Yes, this is Christ's church wherever his true disciples are."

Then the sexton brought a basin of water, and as he kneeled down by the side of the bed Philip baptized him with the words: "I baptize thee, Henry, my brother, disciple of Jesus, into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost! Amen."

"Amen," murmured the man on the bed.

And Philip, still standing as he was, bowed his head, saying, "Blessed Lord Jesus, accept these children of thine, bless this new disciple, and unite our hearts in love for thee and thy kingdom as we remember thee now in this service."

He took the bread and said: "'Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you.' In the name of the Master, who said these words, eat, remembering his love for us."

The dying man could not lift his hand to take the bread from the plate. Philip gently placed a crumb between his lips. The sexton, still kneeling, partook and, bowing his head between his hands, sobbed. Philip poured out the wine and said, "In the name of the Lord Jesus, this cup is the new testament in his blood shed for all mankind for the remission of sins." He carried the cup to the lips of the man and then gave to the sexton. The smile on the dying man's face died. The gray shadow of the last enemy was projected into the room from the setting sun of death's approaching twilight. The son of the old slave master was going to meet the mother of the man who was born into the darkness of slavery, but born again into the light of God. Perhaps, perhaps, he thought, who knows but the first news he would bring to her would be the news of that communion? Certain it is that his hand moved vaguely over the blanket. It slipped over the edge of the bed and fell upon the bowed head of the sexton and remained there as if in benediction. And so the shadow deepened, and at last it was like unto nothing else known to the sons of men on earth, and the spirit leaped out of its clay tenement with the breath of the communion wine still on the lips of the frail, perishable body.

Philip reverently raised the arm and laid it on the bed. The sexton rose, and, while the tears rolled over his face, he gazed long into the countenance of the son of his old master. No division of race now; no false and selfish prejudice here. Come, let the neighbors of the dead come in to do the last sad offices to the casket, for the soul of this disciple is in the mansions of glory, and it shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the darkness of death ever again smite it, for it shall live forever in the light of that Lamb of God who gave himself for the remission of sins and the life everlasting.

Philip did what he could on such an occasion. It was not an unusual event altogether. He had prayed by many a poor creature in the clutch of the last enemy, and he was familiar with his face in the tenements. But this particular scene had a meaning and left an impression different from any he had known before. When finally he was at liberty to go home for a little rest before the evening service, he found himself more than usually tired and sorrowful. Mrs. Strong noticed it as he came in. She made him lie down and urged him to give up his evening service.

"No, no, Sarah! I can't do that! I am prepared. I must preach! I'll get a nap, and then I'll feel better," he said.

Mrs. Strong shook her head, but Philip was determined. He slept a little, ate a little lunch, and when the time of service came he went up to the church again. As his habit was, just before the hour of beginning, he went into the little room at the side of the platform to pray by himself. When he came out and began the service, no one could have told from his manner that he was suffering physically. Even Mrs. Strong, who was watching him anxiously, felt relieved to see how quiet and composed he was.

He had commenced his sermon and had been preaching with great eloquence for ten minutes when he felt a strange dizziness and a pain in his side that made him catch his breath and clutch the side of the pulpit to keep from falling. It passed away, and he went on. It was only a slight hesitation, and no one remarked anything out of the way. For five minutes he spoke with increasing power and feeling. The church was filled. It was very quiet. Suddenly, without any warning, he threw up his arms, uttered a cry of half suppressed agony and then fell over backward. A thrill of excitement ran through the audience. For a moment no one moved; then every one rose. The men in the front pews rushed up to the platform. Mrs. Strong was already there. Philip's head was raised. Philip's old friend, the surgeon, was in the crowd, and he at once examined him. He was not dead, and the doctor at once directed the proper movement for his removal from the church. As he was being carried out into the air he revived and was able to speak.

"Take me home," he whispered to his wife, who hung over him in a terror as great as her love for him at that moment. A carriage was called, and he was taken home. The doctor remained until Philip was fully conscious.

"It was very warm, and I was very tired, and I fainted, eh, doctor? First time I ever did such a thing in my life. I am ashamed. I spoiled the service." Philip uttered this slowly and feebly when at last he had recovered enough to know where he was.

The doctor looked at him suspiciously. "You never fainted before, eh? Well, if I were you I would take care not to faint again. Take good care of him, Mrs. Strong. He needs rest. Milton could spare a dozen bad men like me better than one like the dominie."

"Doctor," cried Mrs. Strong in sudden fear, "what is the matter? Is this serious?"

"Not at all. But men like your husband are in need of watching. Take good care of him."

"Good care of him! Doctor, he will not mind me! I wanted him to stay at home tonight, but he wouldn't."

"Then put a chain and padlock on him and hold him in!" growled the surgeon. He prescribed a medicine and went away, assuring Mrs. Strong that Philip would feel much better in the morning.

The surgeon's prediction came true. Philip found himself weak the next day, but able to get about. In reply to numerous calls of inquiry for the minister Mrs. Strong was able to report that he was much better. About 11 o'clock, when the postman called, Philip was in his study lying on his lounge.

His wife brought up two letters. One of them was from his old chum. He read that first. He then laid it down and opened the other.

At that moment Mrs. Strong was called down stairs by a ring at the door. When she had answered it, she came up stairs again.

As she came into the room she was surprised at the queer look on Philip's face. Without a word he handed her the letter he had just opened and with the same look watched her face as she read it.

CHAPTER XVII.

The letter which Philip had received and which his wife now read was as follows:

Rev. Philip Strong, Pastor Calvary Church, Milton:

Dear Sir and Brother—The seminary at Fairview has long been contemplating the addition to its professorship of a chair of sociology. The lack of funds and the absolute necessity of sufficient endowment for such a chair have made it impossible hitherto for the trustees to make any definite move in this direction. A recent legacy, of which you have doubtless heard, has made the founding of this new professorship possible. And now the trustees by unanimous vote have united upon you as the man best fitted to fill this chair of sociology. We have heard of your work in Milton and know of it personally. We are assured you are the man for this place. We therefore tender you most heartily the position of professor of sociology at Fairview seminary at a salary of $2,500 a year and a preliminary year's absence, either abroad or in this country, before you begin actual labors with the seminary.

With this formal call on the part of the trustees goes the most earnest desire on the part of all the professors of the seminary who remember you in your marked undergraduate success as a student here. You will meet with the most loving welcome, and the seminary will be greatly strengthened by your presence in this new department. We are, in behalf of the seminary, very cordially yours,

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Here followed their names, familiar to both Philip and his wife.

There was a moment of astonished silence, and then Sarah said:

"Well, Philip, that's what I call the finger of Providence!"

"Do you call it the finger of Providence because it points the way you want to go?" asked Philip, with a smile. But his face instantly grew sober. He was evidently very much excited by the call to Fairview. It had come at a time when he was in a condition to be very much moved by it.

"Yes, Philip," replied his wife as she smoothed back his hair from his forehead, "it is very plain to me that you have done all that any one can do here in Milton, and this call comes just in time. You are worn out. The church is opposed to your methods. You need a rest and a change, and, besides, this is the very work that you have always had a liking for."

Philip said nothing for a moment. His mind was in a whirl of emotion. Finally he said: "Yes; I would enjoy such a professorship. It is a very tempting call. I feel drawn toward it. And yet"—he hesitated—"I don't know that I ought to leave Milton just now."

Mrs. Strong was provoked. "Philip Strong, you have lived this kind of life long enough! All your efforts in Calvary church are wasted. What good have all your sermons done? It is all a vain sacrifice, and the end will be defeat and misery for you. Add to all this the fact that this new work will call for the best and most Christian labor and that some good Christian man will take it if you don't—and I don't see, Philip, how you can possibly think of such a thing as refusing this opportunity."

"It certainly is a splendid opportunity," murmured Philip. "I wonder why they happened to pitch on me for the place?"

"That's easy enough. Every one knows that you could fill that chair better than almost any other man in the country."

"Do you mean by 'every one' a little woman of the name of Sarah?" asked Philip, with a brief return of his teasing habit.

"No, sir. I mean all the professors and people in Fairview and all the thinking people of Milton and every one who knows you, Philip. Every one knows that whatever else you lack it isn't brains."

"I'd like to borrow a few just now, though, for I seem to have lost most of mine. Lend me yours, won't you, Sarah, until I settle this question of the call?"

"No, sir. If you can't settle a plain question like this with all your brains, you couldn't do any better with the addition of the little I have."

"Then you really think, do you, Sarah, that I ought to accept this as the leading of the spirit of God and follow without hesitation?"

Mrs. Strong replied with almost tearful earnestness:

"Philip, it seems to me like the leading of his hand. Surely you have shown your willingness and your courage and your sacrifice by your work here. But your methods are distasteful, and your preaching has so far roused only antagonism. Oh, I dread the thought of this life for you another day. It looks to me like a suicidal policy, with nothing to show for it when you have gone through with it."

Philip spread the letter out on the couch, and his face grew more and more thoughtful as he gazed into the face of his wife, and his mind went over the ground of his church experience. If only—he was perhaps thinking—if only the good God had not given him so sensitive and fine tempered a spirit of conscientiousness. He almost envied men of coarse, blunt feelings, of common ideals of duty and service.

His wife watched him anxiously. She knew it was a crisis with him. At last he said:

"Well, Sarah, I don't know but you're right. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. The professorship would be free from the incessant worry and anxiety of a parish, and then I might be just as useful in the seminary as I am here—who knows?"

"Who knows, indeed?" exclaimed Sarah joyfully. At the same time she was almost crying. She picked up the letter and called Philip's attention to the clause which granted him a year abroad in case he accepted. "Think of that, Philip! Your dream of foreign travel can come true now!"

"That is"—Philip looked out of the window over the dingy roof of a shed near by to the gloomy tenements—"that is, supposing I decide to accept."

"Supposing! But you almost the same as said— Oh, Philip, say you will! Be reasonable! This is the opportunity of a lifetime!"

"That's true," replied Philip.

"You may not have another such chance as this as long as you live. You are young now and with every prospect of success in work of this kind. It is new work, of the kind you like. You will have leisure and means to carry on important experiments and influence for life young men entering the ministry. Surely, Philip, there is as great opportunity for usefulness and sacrifice there as anywhere. It must be that the will of God is in this. It comes without any seeking on your part."

"Yes, indeed!" Philip spoke with the only touch of pride he ever exhibited. It was pride in the knowledge that he was absolutely free from self glory or self seeking.

"Then say you will accept. Say you will, Philip!"

The appeal, coming from the person dearest to him in all the world, moved Philip profoundly. He took the letter from her hand, read it over carefully and again laid it down on the couch. Then he said:

"Sarah, I must pray over it. I need a little time. You will have reason"—Philip paused, as his habit sometimes was, and at that moment the bell rang, and Mrs. Strong went down stairs. As she went along she felt almost persuaded that Philip would yield. Something of his tone seemed to imply that the struggle in his mind was nearly ended.

The callers at the door were three men who had been to see Philip several times to talk with him about the mill troubles and the labor conflict in general. They wanted to see Philip. Mrs. Strong was anxious about the condition of Philip's health. She asked the men to come in and went up stairs again.

"Can you see them? Are you strong enough?" she asked.

"Yes; tell them to come up. I am comfortable now."

Philip was resting easily, and after a careful look at him Mrs. Strong went down stairs.

To her surprise two of the men had gone. The one who remained explained that he thought three persons would excite or tire the minister more than one. He had staid and would not trouble Philip very long. But the business on which he came was of such an important nature that he felt obliged to see the minister if he could do so without danger to him.

So the man went up, and Philip greeted him with his usual heartiness, excusing himself for not rising. The man took a chair, moved up near the couch and sat down. He seemed a good deal excited, but in a suppressed and cautious way.

"I came to see you, Mr. Strong, to tell you about a thing you ought to know. There is danger of your life here."

"Where?" asked Philip calmly.

"Here, in this neighborhood."

"Well?" Philip waited for more explanation.

"I didn't want to tell your wife for fear of scaring her, but I thought you ought to know, Mr. Strong, and then you could take steps to protect yourself or get away."

"Go on. Tell me the worst," said Philip quietly as the man paused.

"Well," the man went on in a low tone, "two others and me overheard a talk last night by the men who run the Star saloon and den down by the Falls. They have a plan to waylay you, rob you and injure you, sir, and do it in such a way as to make it seem a common hold up. They seemed to know about your habit of going around through the alleys and cross streets of the tenements. We heard enough to make us sure they really and truly meant to deal foully by you the first good chance, and we thought best to put you on your guard. The rummies are down on you, Mr. Strong, you have been so outspoken against them. And your lecture in the hall last week has made them mad, I tell you. They hate you worse than poison, for that's the article they seem to sell and make a living out of."

Philip had the week before addressed a large meeting of workingmen, and in the course of his speech he had called attention to the saloon as one of the greatest foes of the wage earner.

"Is that all?" Philip asked.

"All, man alive! Isn't it enough? What more do you hanker after?"

"Of course I don't 'hanker after' being held up or attacked, but these men are mistaken if they think to frighten me."

"They mean more than frighten, Mr. Strong; they mean business."

"Why don't you have them arrested, then, for conspiracy? If you overheard their talk, they are guilty and could be convicted."

"Not in Milton, Mr. Strong. Besides, there was no name mentioned, and the talk was scatteringlike. They are shrewd devils. But we could tell they meant you plain enough. Not to prove anything in court, though."

"And you came to warn me? That was kind of you, my brother." Philip spoke with the winsome affection for men that made his hold on common people like the grappling vine with loving tendrils.

"Yes, Mr. Strong, I tell you the rummies will almost hold a prayer meeting when you leave Milton. And they mean to make you trouble enough until you do leave. If I was you" the man paused curiously—"if I was you, I'd get up and leave this God forsaken town, Mr. Strong."

"You would?" Philip glanced at the letter which still lay upon the couch beside him. "Suppose I should say I had about made up my mind to do just that thing?"

"Oh, no, Mr. Strong, you don't mean that!" The man made a gesture toward Philip that revealed a world of longing and of hunger for fellowship that made Philip's heart throb with a feeling of intense joy, mingled with an ache of pain. The man at once repressed his emotion. It had been like lightning flash out of a summer cloud.

"Yes," said Philip, as if continuing, "I have been thinking of leaving Milton."

"That might be best. You're in danger here. No telling when some harm may come to you."

"Well, I'm thinking I might as well leave. My work here has been a failure anyway."

"What, a failure? Mr. Strong, you don't know the facts. There has never been a minister in Milton who did so much for the poor and the workingman as yourself! Let me tell you," the man continued, with an earnestness that concealed an emotion he was trying to subdue, "Mr. Strong, if you were to leave Milton now it would be a greater loss to the common people than you can imagine. You may not know it, but your influence among us is very great. I have lived in Milton as boy and man for 30 years, and I never knew so many laboring men attend church and the lectures in the hall as during the few months you have been here. Your work here has not been a failure; it has been a great success."

A tear stole out of Philip's eye and rolled down and fell with a warm splash on the letter which lay beside him. If a $2,500 call could be drowned by one tear, that professorship in sociology in Fairview seminary was in danger.

"So you think the people in this neighborhood would miss me a little?" he asked almost as modestly as if he were asking a great favor.

"Would they, Mr. Strong! You will never know what you have done for them. If the mill men were to hear of your leaving, they would come down here in a body and almost compel you to stay. I cannot bear to think of your going. And yet the danger you are in, the whisky men"—

Philip roused himself up, interrupting his visitor. The old time flash of righteous indignation shot out of his eyes as he exclaimed: "I am more than half minded to stay on that account! The rummies would think they had beaten me out if I left!"

"Oh, Mr. Strong, I can't tell you how glad we would be if you would only stay! And yet"—

"And yet," replied Philip, with a sad smile, "there are many things to take into the account. I thank you out of my heart for the love you have shown

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me. It means more than words can express." And Philip leaned back with a wearied look on his face, which nevertheless revealed his deep satisfaction at the thought of such friendship as this man had for him.

He was getting exhausted with the interview, following so soon on his illness of the night before. The visitor was quick to notice it, and after a warm clasp of hands he went away. Philip, lying there alone while his wife was busy down stairs, lived an age in a few minutes. All his life as far in Milton, the events of his preaching and his experiences in the church, his contact with the workmen, his evident influence over them, the thought of what they would feel in case he left Milton to accept this new work, the dissatisfaction at the thought of an unaccomplished work abandoned, the thought of the exultation of the whisky men—all this and much more surged in and out of his mind and heart like heavy tides of a heaving ocean as it rushes into some deep fissure and then flows back again with noise and power. He struggled up into a sitting position and with pain of body almost fell from the couch upon his knees and with his face bowed upon the letter, which he spread out before him with both hands, he sobbed out a yearning cry to his Master for light in his darkness.

It came as he kneeled down, and it did not seem to him at all strange or absurd that as he kneeled there came to his thought a picture of the Brother Man. And he could almost hear the Brother Man say: "Your work is in Milton, in Calvary church yet. Except a man shall renounce all that he hath he cannot be his disciple." It mattered not to Philip that the answer to his prayer came in this particular way. He was not superstitious or morbid or given to yielding to impulse or fancy. He lay down upon the couch again and knew in his heart that he was at peace with God and his own conscience in deciding to stay with Calvary church and refuse the call to Fairview.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. March 26th, A. D., 1900.

Taken on execution and will be sold by public auction, on Monday, the thirtieth day of April, A. D., 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon in front of the Court House, on Church Street, Palmer, Mass., all the right, title and interest which Caroline A. Brothers of the City and County of Worcester had (not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution) on the eleventh day of January A. D., 1900, at eight o'clock a. m., (being the time the same was attached by me on mesne process) in and to the following described real estate, to wit: A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, in Palmer (later, in said Palmer, and bounded and described as follows: south-westerly by land of Lawrence Brothers, westerly by land formerly of Joseph Naylor, easterly by land formerly of Melissa Shaw and south-easterly by highway leading from said Palmer Center to Palmer Depot, so-called, and the same premises conveyed by deed of Emulous Harvey dated September 28th, 1887, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 458, Page 329. 52-3

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Printed Dimities in the season's most beautiful designs. This sale 6½c a yd.

Corded Muslins, magnificent assortment, latest designs. This sale 7½c a yd

Elegant line of Corded and Z phyr Ginghams. This sale 10c a yd

Printed Dimities, Printed Pineapple Batistes—hundreds of designs and colorings to select from. This sale 12½c a yd.

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Look over our superb line of Scotch Ginghams for waists and dresses They are beauties, indeed, and the price only 25c a yard.

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TRADE MARK

DEATH OF HENRY P. HOLDEN.

Well Known Citizen and Business Man of Palmer.

HAD BEEN SICK BUT A FEW WEEKS.

Prominently Identified with the Business and Manufacturing Interests of the Town.

In the death of Henry P. Holden of Palmer, which occurred at his home on North Main street about 12 o'clock last night, the town loses one of its most prominent and well-known citizens, a man who for many years has been active in its business, social and church life, and who will be missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Holden had never been confined to the house by illness before in his life until a few weeks ago when he was taken with what was at first supposed to be a stomach trouble. It did not yield to treatment however, and his physicians soon decided that the trouble was cancer of the bowels and that there was no hope for him. He had been gradually failing for the three or four weeks previous to the end.

Mr. Holden was born on the home farm in Charlton, March 5, 1842, the son of Lewis and Eliza A. Holden. He attended

the public schools in Charlton, Nichols Academy in Dudley and Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham. He taught school winters from 1860 to 1864, and then started in the grocery and provision business in Hartford in company with his brother, Charles L. He sold out to his brother in 1867 and bought a mercantile business in Middlefield. In 1871 he came to Palmer and bought H. H. Bartlett & Co's. store in the Lawrence block, taking his brother, John S., into partnership with him, but buying him out in 1879. In 1883 in company with J. S. Holden he built the woolen mill now owned by Holden & Fuller, and did a flourishing business in the manufacture of ladies' dress goods. The year the mill was built Mr. Holden sold his interest in the store and moved his family to Melrose, where he formed a partnership with W. R. Eaton of Boston under the firm name of Eaton, Holden & Co., dealers in furnishings and small wares. He sold out this business in 1886 and returned to Palmer, buying a controling interest in the Palmer Wire Manufacturing Company and becoming its treasurer and manager. He sold out his interest in this and in 1889 entered into partnership with C. E. Fuller, under the firm name of Holden & Fuller, the new firm buying out J. S. Holden's interest in the woolen mill, and continued in this business until his death. In disposing of the wire mill he took in exchange the M. W. French property, including Wales Hall, which he remodeled for an opera house. This building was burned in 1894, and upon its site he constructed a handsome brick business structure which is known as Holden's block.

Mr. Holden was a Republican in politics and was prominent in his party, twice being its nominee for the Legislature. He was a member of the board of selectmen in 1888, and was chairman of the board in 1893 and 1894. For many years he was one of the trustees of the Palmer Savings Bank, and for several years one of its vice presidents. He was a member of the Masons, Knights Templars, Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum, also of the Home Market and Middlesex Clubs of Boston. In 1863 he married Miss Mary A. Holmes of Southbridge, who survives him. He also leaves a mother, two sons, Henry L. and George S., a daughter, Mamie, three brothers, Charles L. of Bondsville, John S. of Bennington, Vt., and Daniel F. of Palmer, and two sisters, Mrs. F. B. Pope of Palmer and Mrs. E. E. Hart of Bennington.

The funeral will be held from the house Sunday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Brimfield's Public Library.

The annual report of the library shows a circulation of 4882 volumes and 1050 magazines which, with the addition of over 1800 volumes drawn by the teachers and pupils of the Hitchcock Academy, would make a per capita circulation of about six and a half. More young people and children have read books from the town library than before, and the teachers have made a more general and systematic use of the library in connection with their work. They have also carried a large number of books into the outlying districts for their pupils and others. Mrs. W. C. Davenport of East Brimfield has rendered valuable assistance by distributing books to the people of that village. Still more attention to the needs of remote parts of the town is recommended. Since the first of January the library has been open an additional period during the week, and the Saturday afternoon opening has been greatly liked, as well as the change from Friday to Wednesday afternoon. The plan is being tried through the generosity of Edward P. Fisk for a year, after which time it should be continued by the town. A total of 33 volumes have been presented to the circulating department. Among the gifts received from individuals are Nicolay and Hay's Life of Lincoln, and the "Beacon Biographies," from E. P. Fisk; "A Study in the Warwickshire Dialect," from the author, Appleton Morgan: "Poems," from the author, Henry Abbey; book, pamphlet and map, from the late Dr. C. M. Hyde; a framed photograph of Dr. Hyde, from Mrs. Hyde; pictures, from George A. Bacon; photographs of local scenes, from F. Edgar Brown. The Brimfield library has enjoyed a traveling library loaned by the Woman's Education Association, the collection consisting of 21 volumes on Florence and nearly 200 pictures representing the architecture, sculpture and painting of Florence. A number of volumes belonging to the previously loaned traveling library upon Venice have been purchased. Thirty-one photographs of paintings and scenes in Venice have been bought with money contributed for the purchase of pictures, also a collection of Perry pictures, and the Perry Magazine has been subscribed for. It is desirable to have a large collection of local views contributed.

TAYLOR'S TROUBLES SETTLED.

He is Finally Married to His "Wife" of Two Years.

Another chapter was added to the Taylor family story last Friday. After securing the search warrant for the account book which Taylor alleged he thought his wife had, he and Officer Justin made a search for it at the house of Mrs. Augusta Brown, where the wife was found but no book. Mrs. Brown stated that Mrs. Taylor came to her house the evening before after the visit of the officers. Mrs. Taylor refused to go home with her husband. Her mother then obtained a warrant against her daughter for being a stubborn child, and she appeared in court Saturday morning, when she was discharged. Mrs. Taylor's mother stated that her daughter was not 16, and that she had been living with Taylor for some time. She had finally given her consent to a marriage rather than have matters continue as they were. She did not know whether they had been married or not. The daughter denied that they had been. She said they went to a minister but he declined to marry them on account of the woman's youth. Taylor says they were married in Rochdale, N. Y., in the fall of 1898. In court Saturday Mrs. Taylor admitted having gone through with a marriage ceremony with Taylor, but had no marriage certificate and thought the ceremony illegal without one. They applied to the town clerk of Monson for a license later in the day, giving the woman's age as 19, but he telephoned to Palmer and on learning the facts refused to issue one.

The couple were married in Belchertown Tuesday by Rev. Franklin I. Bell, the woman giving her maiden name, Clara Pilkey.

Taylor is about 62, and his son is married to his wife's mother. This brings about a rather mixed condition of relationship. The son married the mother first, and this made him father of the woman who afterward became his mother by marriage with his father. The girl's marriage later made his daughter his stepmother. The elder woman becomes the wife of her daughter's son, or daughter-in-law to her own daughter; she is also the wife of her own grandson, while the elder Taylor becomes father-in-law to his wife's mother. There may be other complications if one has time to study them out.

Death of James Griffin.

James Griffin, 20, died of consumption Saturday at the home of his father in South Belchertown. He was graduated from the Belchertown high school in 1897 and the following winter had a severe attack of the grippe, which developed into consumption. Besides a father he leaves four brothers, Rev. M. A. Griffin of the Sacred Heart church in Springfield, Rev. J. F. Griffin of the Catholic University of Washington, D. C., two who live in Holyoke, and one sister, who is a member of the order of sisters in Providence. The funeral was held Tuesday morning in St. Bartholomew's church in Bondsville. Rev. John Griffin of the University of Washington, brother of the deceased, sung a requiem high mass. Rev. J. Griffin of Mittineague was deacon of the mass, Rev. P. Griffin of Holyoke sub-deacon and Rev. O'Malley of Holyoke master of ceremonies. The following clergymen were present: Rev. P. J. Harkins, Rev. W. Hickey, Rev. M. Burke, Rev. J. Ives of Holyoke; Rev. P. Tyrrell, Rev. G. Farrell, Rev. M. Kelley of Springfield; Rev. J. Hurley and Rev. J. Howard of Worcester, Rev. T. Leonard of Pittsfield, Rev. W. Daley of Oxford, Rev. P. Murphy of Chicopee, Rev. T. S. Donoghue of Palmer, Rev. F. J. Lynch of Thorndike, Rev. P. Brady, O. M. I., of Dublin, Ireland, Rev. D. Sheehan of Easthampton, Rev. O'Gara of Springfield, who is officiating at St. Bartholomew's church during the absence of Rev. B. McKeany. Rev. F. J. Lynch of Thorndike officiated at the grave, and the visiting clergymen sang the benedictus. Miss E. M. McCarthy and Miss R. E. Higgins of Springfield and J. F. Luman of Thorndike assisted the choir. Burial was in the Thorndike cemetery.

Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Palmer.

Now that the town has voted to place a marker designed by the society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the grave of each Revolutionary soldier buried in town, it may be of interest to know who they are and where they were buried. Ten were buried in the Depot Village cemetery:

Capt. John King,
Lieut. David King,
Daniel King,
Gideon Graves,
Simeon Graves,
Timothy Brainerd,
Jonathan Godley,
Capt. James Merrick,
Isaac Ferrell,
Gideon Abbott.

Nineteen were buried in the Old Center cemetery:

Capt. David Spear,
Lieut. Samuel McClanathan,
John Allen McElwain,
Irwin Shaw,
Luke Hitchcock,
John Shearer,
Capt. Thomas McClanathan,
John Allen Smith,
Lieut. Uriah Ward,
John Hunt,
Lieut. Robert McMaster,
James Lamberton,
Lieut. James Shaw,
Joseph Smith,
David Fleming,
Jonathan Moores,
Francis Breckenridge,
James Smith,
Hugh McMaster.

It is remarkable that on the morning of April 20, 1775, the day following the battle of Lexington, Palmer sent forty-four men to the assistance of their brothers who had made a stand for liberty, and fourteen of that number are included in the above list.

Brakeman Killed at Bondsville.

John Rogers, a brakeman on the Central Massachusetts road, was killed at Bondsville about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. Just how it was done will probably never be known. The train was a freight, from Ware to Northampton, and when it pulled into Bondsville Rogers was missing. Search was made for him and he was found about a quarter of a mile back beside the track with a deep cut on his head. He breathed two or three times after being found, but his death was practically instantaneous, as he could not have been conscious after being hurt. He was 29 years old and lived in Ware, where he leaves a father and mother, two brothers and three sisters. Mr. Rogers was last seen climbing upon the ladder at the rear end of the caboose, and it is supposed that he slipped and fell, striking his head; it is possible that he may have caught his foot and been dragged, as there was some indication that such was the case.

Probate Court Matters.

At a session of the probate court held in Springfield Wednesday administration was granted in the estate of Follansbee G. Welch, late of Wilbraham, Rosa M. Welch of Wilbraham administratrix. The will of Jonathan P. Webber, late of Brimfield, was approved, Charles M. Webber of Monson and Fred M. Webber of Palmer executors.

FIRE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL.

A Meeting Without a Ripple of Unharmoniousness.

FIRE PATROL WITHOUT ANY DISSENT

Only One Ticket in the Field. Appropriations About the Same as Usual, $2631.

Following the good example set at the annual town meeting, the fire district meeting on Tuesday was as quiet and harmonious as could be desired. The one article in the warrant which was expected to bring out opposition was that relative to the hiring of a fire patrol, which meant an all-night police, but it went through without a word of discussion or a dissenting voice. D. F. Dillon moved that the district raise and appropriate $250 for the purpose, the officer to be on duty from midnight until 5 in the morning. Later the prudential committee was instructed to engage the present patrol, T. J. Conroy.

Dr. William Holbrook was chosen moderator. The report of the treasurer showed the receipts of the year to have been $2600 and the expenses $2385, leaving $215 on hand; there is also $66 due from the tax collector. The chief engineer reported calls to two fires during the year, the total loss being only about $75; the department was called out to seven forest fires, and there was one false alarm. Some new hose was asked for and voted. There was but one ticket in the field, and these officers were elected: Prudential committee, W. E. Stone, E. G. Hastings, E. R. Pierce; clerk and treasurer, F. D. Barton; auditor, C. E. Fish; chief engineer, G. A. Bills; first assistant, C. F. Fuller; second assistant, E. B. Taylor. The appropriations were: Water, $1200; firemen, $400; janitor, $96; steamer engineer, $50; stoker, $20; coal, $40; contingencies, $200; chief engineer, $150; 1st assistant, $25; 2d assistant, $20; treasurer, $30; new hose, $150; fire patrol, $250; total, $2631.

Death of William O. Underwood of Wales.

William O. Underwood died Sunday morning of Bright's disease, aged 80 years. He was a remarkably preserved man, having been very active in his business until about a year ago, when he seemed to suffer a general breaking down, but kept around and worked much of the time until about three months ago, when he gave up and was a great sufferer until he passed away. He had spent the greater part of his life in Wales. When the old hand spring jacks were in use he ran one in the old Shaw mill many years, and at the same time kept the factory boarding house where girls were boarded for $1 per week and men for $1.50. He was well liked by all who knew him. For many years he was a member of the Baptist church and a constant attendant. In his later days he worked at carpentering and wool sorting, as he had opportunity. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. George A. Harvey of Monson; also two sisters, Mrs. Crawford, aged 82, and Mrs. Pierce, aged 85.

New England Conference Appointments.

The following appointments to Methodist churches in this vicinity were made at the New England Methodist conference in Fitchburg Monday: Belchertown and Dwights, supplied by J. M. Gage; Bondsville, J. L. Bowler; Hampden and Glendale, A. W. Baird; Ludlow Center, F. H. Wheeler; Monson, A. W. L. Nelson; Wales, supplied by G. L Camp; Ware, J. W. Fulton and L. L. Beaman; Warren, First church, A. L. Howe; West Warren, H. G. Butler; Wilbraham, W. H. Thomas; principal Wesleyan Academy, W. R. Newhall. Rev. H. G. Alley of Bondsville has been transferred to the People's church of Newburyport, and Rev. A. R. Nichols of Monson to Dorchester. Rev. A. L. Squier, formerly of Monson, was assigned the church at Winthrop.

Dead Dog in a Ware Well.

An unpleasant find was made in a well on Pine street in Ware this week, and the residents of that vicinity feel considerably worked up over the matter. The well supplied water to the tenants in the two-tenement house owned by Michael Tobin, and when the bucket was drawn up one day this week it was found to contain part of a dog's body. An investigation was made and the decomposed body of a dog which had evidently been dead several months was found in the well. A peculiar incident connected with the case is that a horse owned by John Harrison has refused persistently to drink water from this well. The matter is being investigated by the board of health.

HAMPDEN.

Miss M. A. Goodwill has gone to Amherst where she has taken a position.

Mrs. Lyman Smith visited in Springfield the first of the week with Mrs. Boyd of Maple street.

Miss Lucile Cady, who teaches school in Stafford Springs, is spenping the Easter vacation at her home.

Mrs. Sawyer of Stockbridge, Vt., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Sargent, at the Congregational parsonage.

Albert W. Lee commenced building his tower on Pine mountain Tuesday morning. The poles were set last fall and the grounds have been cleared so that work will progress rapidly.

BELCHERTOWN.

Mrs. H. D. Longley, who has been visiting in Boston for two weeks, has returned to her home.

A farewell reception was given Rev. Leon E. Bell Wednesday evening in the vestry of the Methodist church.

Miss Lizzie A. Blackmer has gone to New York, where she will spend Easter with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Clapp.

Mrs. R. E. Edwards and Miss Marietta Edwards of Northampton have been visiting Mrs. R. L. Bridgman part of the week.

The Congregational church has been without a pastor for one year, and although many candidates and supplies have preached the church is no nearer a decision than it was a year ago.

Mrs. Jane Converse, formerly of Belchertown, died suddenly Monday at Washington, D. C., where she had been employed in the post office department since Johnson's administration. She is well known in Belchertown, and is aunt of Mrs. Henry E. Gould. The funeral was held in the chapel Wednesday afternoon.

Pomona Grange held a meeting with the local Grange yesterday in Grange Hall. The topic for the morning session was "Is the Grange fulfilling the mission and meeting the demands of the times?" Mrs. H. E. Smith of Hadley read a paper on "What is necessary to keep up the interest in the Grange?" and Henry Sabin of Amherst spoke on "How can we interest outside farmers in the Grange?" In the afternoon Prof. C. S. Walker of Amherst gave a "Brief history of the agricultural development of our state." Dinner was served in the chapel and a program of music and recitations was furnished by the local Grange.

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

BOSTON, April 11, 1900.

It has been a week of important business and material progress has been made in the work of the session, but still the progress has been so slow compared with the mass of business and the time remaining before the usual day of prorogation to prove that this Legislature must work very hard in order to save its reputation. The bill for state supervision of telegraph and telephone companies, which was substituted for the adverse report of the committee on mercantile affairs by the large majority of 99 to 31, has been put in the orders of the day for next Monday. The Bell Telephone company formally withdrew opposition to the idea of state supervision, under certain conditions. It is supposed, however, that the concern which is trying to rival the Bell will do all it can to defeat the bill. Then there are the Western Union and Postal telegraph companies, which very likely will oppose the bill, though they sat back while the Bell, or the New England, was at the front and let it do all the work. Very likely the removal of the Bell to New York was one of the elements which led it to cease its opposition.

No outcome has been reached on the bill reported from the military committee, with the dissent of Senator Gardner, to extend the veterans' preferance law to the soldiers of the war with Spain. While the young men ask this, the civil war veterans, some, certainly, begin to think that they made a mistake in getting their law passed, and one has said to me that he would favor repeal next year. One reason is that the veterans have lost some of the respect in which they were held by the people. He feels it and regrets it. Another reason is that the law is not a success, wholly. The young politicians who want to crowd out the old veterans can do so, and as the veterans are becoming so old and so few, there is a disposition on the part of some of them to repeal their exemption law.

No development of the week has been more important than the refusal of the New England Gas and Coke Company to open its books to the inspection of the committee on manufactures. The ground upon which the company stands is exactly that upon which Henry M. Whitney stood when he was before the committee and refused to testify about the company, namely, that it was a voluntary association of men, outside of the corporation law, and that the state had no legal right to compel it to produce its books, any more than it has to compel a private citizen to exhibit his books to a committee of the Legislature. It will be seen at once that if the Legislature admits that the contention of this company is sound, then a way to evade all of the corporation laws has been pointed out for every corporation in the state. This aspect of the case so far overrides the technical plea of the company, that it does not seem possible for the Legislature to permit the company to have its own way and to shut its books in the face of the state. The act of refusal was done by ex-President William M. Butler, who is the senior counsel for the Gas and Coke Company in the absence of Mr. Whitney in the South. But doubtless they had been in consultation. Now the Legislature must take a hand.

One of the anomalies of the week has been the appearance of Rev. Mr. McCartney, the Unitarian-socialist clergyman, member from Rockland, in defense of the proposition that the people ought to be allowed to go hunting Sundays. He urged the House to repeal the law which makes every Sunday a close season for all kinds of game on the ground that it was a law for the benefit of the rich who could do their hunting on other days of the week. As the poor cannot hunt week days, he believed that they should be given an opportunity on Sundays. But his argument did not make many converts. He was opposed by Mr. Mills of Newburyport, another clergyman (but the one who favored the repeal of the abutter's objection law), and the House refused to admit the repeal bill.

The great issue of the session,—the lease of the Boston and Albany railroad to the New York Central,—remains still in the hands of the railroad committee. The committee has given protracted hearings. Testimony of the weightiest sort on both sides has been presented by distinguished persons and bodies of representative men, and still there has not come the time for executive sessions. The proposition for the lease of the Fitchburg to the Boston and Maine seems more likely to go through than the lease of the Albany to the Central. Perhaps both plans will succeed, but there seems to be much tenacity in the idea of state ownership or control, and much fear of the policy of the Central. The matter has not shaped itself yet in either house so that a prediction would have the basis of much fact in the expressed preferences of members. That will come later.

The Senate, after the House had given a majority against the bill to raise the salaries of members from $750 per session to $1000, went on record in favor of the bill. It was not at all the thing to have been expected of the Senate, and it is strange that the conservative heads there should have permitted it to get a standing after the House had gone on record against it. Of course there is no possibility that the bill will become law, as the only practical outcome will be to put certain senators on record as supporters of a salary-grab.

The pressure of corporation influence has succeeded at last in putting the Cape Cod canal bill through the Senate by the close vote of 20 to 18. But the bill has been changed from its form as it passed the House. Still, it is yet a bill which may very likely encounter a veto if it passes the House, for it is the opinion of Attorney General Knowlton that it permits stock watering in spite of all that has been said against it. It is quite possible that the power which could get a majority for the bill in the House, when its character was probably the same as it is now, may be able to secure another majority when the bill comes up on the question of concurring with the Senate amendments to the bill. But back of the Legislature is Gov. Crane and, with his business instincts and his strong desire for perfect equity in public concerns, it is not likely that he will approve the bill, unless it is amended so as to protect the principle of our Massachusetts corporation laws that there shall be no stock-watering. We stand at the head of all the states in the Union in that respect.

The effort to secure the repeal of the street railway act of 1898 has failed to carry the committee on street railways, for it has reported that the petition for repeal be referred to the next Legislature. Under the circumstances it would not be strange if the report of leave to withdraw would be more in the interest of the public. If this new and important law, which has been in operation less than two years, is found to be working in the interests of the public, then the opposition is given a better standing than it merits by being referred to the next Legislature. If the law is not working in the interests of the public, then it will be an easy to introduce a new petition next year as to take this old one from the files.

A new departure in town government has got a bodily form, though the spirit of life will not be breathed into it until the governor signs the bill. The committee on towns has reported a bill to save Brookline from becoming a city and yet to enable her to avoid the disadvantages of being an enormously large town. The bill provides for the division of the town into ten districts, each of which is to elect 24 councilmen. The plan is to have eight of this number elected every year and for their term to be three years. That is the gist of the bill, and all other features are centered around it. The people are to elect all their present town officers as at present, but other business which would come before the eleven meeting must be transacted by Senate and Council. The town may have two years at least acceptance of the act. This bill though has important novelties of this kind for it. LANDON.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 13, 1900.

GOOD THING—PUSH IT ALONG.

The annual canvass for subscriptions to the support of a street sprinkling cart is being made, and should receive hearty support from every business man in the place, on Main street especially. The clouds of dust which will prevail unless the cart is operated are a nuisance to everyone, and a decided detriment to the prosperity of the village. Visitors from the other villages and towns will be oftener drawn this way if we give them a decent street on which to travel than if they have to wade through drifts and breathe clouds of dust, to say nothing of having the goods they wish to inspect loaded with the stuff, for it cannot be kept out of the stores. There should be a quick and generous response in this matter, so that the arrangement may be in working order as soon as needed.

UNIFORMS FOR NIGHT POLICE.

A suggestion which meets with the approval of many of the business men of the several villages of the town is that the night police be required to wear a uniform. At present only one does so, the man in the Depot village. More than once the uniformed officer has been able to enforce his commands by the fact that he was in uniform, when otherwise he would have been at a decided disadvantage, if not in a hopeless minority. The most notable instance was on the circus grounds last summer, when but for his uniform he and the man he was attempting to take in charge would probably have been roughly handled. In the other villages have occurred instances of open defiance of the officer, coupled with personal abuse, which very likely would not have happened had he been in uniform. A uniformed officer gives a better standing to a place and more dignity to the office, and enables a stranger looking for an officer to find him readily. The Palmer officers should be required to wear them.

That it is not safe to convict on circumstantial evidence, no matter how seemingly strong it may be, was forcibly evidenced by a case to which a local officer was called last week. A man had missed a pocketbook containing a large sum of money, and accused an employe who lived with him of taking it. The pocketbook was under the pillow of the bed, and the hired man was left sitting in the kitchen while the owner went down cellar. While there the man got up and went out of doors, passing the bedroom door on his way but not entering it, as was shown later. From the cellar the owner thought he heard the man go to his room and then go out doors, and so immediately went to look for his money. It was gone. An officer was called and the man interrogated. He denied going into the room, but his employer insisted that he had heard him do so. He had previously searched the bed for the money and failed to find it, but another look, at the suggestion of the officer, revealed the money in a corner where it had slipped and been overlooked in the first search. The circumstantial evidence against the accused was of the strongest kind. No other person was in the house, and his employer would have sworn that he heard him enter his room—directly over his head as he stood in the cellar—and then go out doors; an immediate search for the money then showed it was missing. The man would have been convicted without a doubt, while wholly innocent, had the money been overlooked or lost in some other place.

Our Boston correspondent says that the New York Central is not having everything its own way in its effort to lease the Boston and Albany. He finds a growing sentiment in favor of state ownership of the road, and suggests that possibly the fact that the Central's policy is unknown may have something to do with the case. The Journal knows that there is no little question in this vicinity as to the Central's policy should it get the B. and A., with a feeling that local traffic, especially at a distance from Boston, would get no better service than at present, and fears that it may be decidedly poorer. It may be up to the Central to say what it proposes to do.

The year 1900 promises to be a good one for the wage earners of Palmer. The severe storms of the winter did much damage to the highways, on which an unusually large amount of work must be done this spring. Five new buildings are in process of erection on the epileptic hospital grounds, the expenditure there to be about $85,000, and the town of Palmer is to build a new schoolhouse at an expense of some $30,000. There would seem to be no excuse for idleness on the part of any laborer who may really wish employment. Already there is talk of a probable scarcity of help locally.

Selectmen Are Not Agreed.

The selectmen held a meeting Wednesday evening and discussed the appointment of a night police for the Depot village, but came to no agreement. There has been a strong push on the part of numerous of the business men for the reappointment of Officer Conroy, they believing that he has looked after their interests in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. There is also some opposition to him on various grounds.

Having a Hard Time.

The members of the new board of selectmen have had to run the gauntlet since election of numerous applicants for opportunities to serve the town in one capacity and another, combined with the importunities of those who are looking for favors of various kinds at the hands of the "town fathers." One member of the board has got to such a frame of mind that when a man stops him on the street he gives him no opportunity to speak first, but immediately asks, "Well, what do *you* want?" regardless of what the man may wish to talk about. The license question has been a particular thorn in the flesh the past week, and will be even more so during the next 10 days. Of course it wouldn't do for the fathers of the town to use profane language, but one of them was heard to use a remark the other day concerning the license question which was strongly suggestive of a structure put across rivers to hold the water back.

Big Washout in Highway.

What might have resulted in serious damage to someone and a considerable bill of costs for the town was prevented by timely discovery last Friday afternoon. Superintendent of Streets Brainerd was notified that there was a cave-in over a culvert on the road from Thorndike to Whipple's Crossing, near the latter place, under the track of the electric road. He went to the spot and on going down the bank to get at the extent of the damage was surprised to find a hole some 15 or 20 feet square and from three to five feet deep under the highway, the excavation extending nearly the whole width of the road, with a roof of frozen earth only 18 inches or two feet thick. Heavy teams had been traveling over the place, and it was a wonder that it had not given way under some of the loads; the hole was ample large to take in a whole team. The culvert under the road had been clogged with leaves and brush during the recent heavy rains, and the water had without question risen seven feet over the opening of the culvert, then worked its way through done. In that and the frozen surface, St., Palmer dirt out.

PALMER NEWS.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Good second-hand refrigerator for sale.
E. Goodes.

Cut flowers and potted plants at Royce's. Ice cream in any quantity. Turkey dinner Sunday.

H. C. Strong is quite sick at his home on Squier street.

Miss Alice Brown of Fitchburg is home on a vacation.

Miss Marion Hellyar is visiting friends in Newtonville.

David Brown has taken a position with E. A. Buck & Co.

Mrs. L. Hunt and children are visiting her mother in Barre.

Miss Helen Buck is in Willimantic for a stay of a week or more.

Miss Anna Tucker is spending her Easter vacation in Melrose.

William Merriam is confined to his home on Pleasant street by illness.

Mrs. E. P. Ball and Miss Gertrude have gone for a trip to Washington.

Mrs. A. C. Thompson is spending a vacation with her parents in Hadley.

Henry W. Holbrook has gone to Elwood, N. J., for a stay of several weeks.

Mrs. E. T. Cadwell and daughter are in Hartford for a visit of two weeks.

Misses Maude and May LaSalle are the guests of friends in South Hadley.

Clayton Maxwell is spending a vacation with friends in Stafford Springs, Ct.

One of the deer held in captivity at the epileptic hospital escaped last week.

Rev. C. W. Haines will preach at the Silver Street chapel Sunday afternoon.

Arthur C. Hill of Chester spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hill.

The physical culture class will meet at 7.30 in the Universalist church Monday evening.

Miss Bessie Moore of Newtonville has been the guest of friends in town part of this week.

Mrs. George Carter of Chicopee has been the guest of Miss Idella Holbrook a part of the week.

A number of new books have been added to the library of the Congregational Sunday school.

Mrs. Burke of Norwich, Ct., has been the guest a part of the week of her sister, Mrs. C. D. Holbrook.

Leon Stone of Swanzey, N. H., has taken a position as clerk in the hardware store of E. A. Buck & Co.

Rev. C. C. Conner of Monson preached in the Massachusetts epileptic hospital last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woolrich are to sail the 25th for a trip to England, Mr. Woolrich's former home.

Cyrus W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, will hold a regular meeting in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening.

W. Burdick of Monson has opened a blacksmith's shop in the Campbell building on South Main street.

A. L. Warriner and J. W. Loftus have been drawn as jurors for the April term of the supreme judicial court.

Misses Eloise Stone and Phoebe Hastings have been spending the week in Ithaca, N. Y., and New York city.

Mr. Benny, roadmaster on the Central Vermont road, has moved into the Hastings tenement on Pleasant street.

The annual meeting of the Firemen's Relief Association is called for next Tuesday evening at 7.30 in the district court room.

John Newman has sold his residence on North Main street to R. B. Francis, the sale taking place through the D. F. Holden agency.

The Knights of Columbus held their first meeting in their new quarters in the Commercial block on Main street last evening.

A collection for the benefit of the famine sufferers in India will be taken at the Congregational church next Sunday morning.

George Kenerson has returned from his winter's stay in New York city. Mrs. Kenerson was unble to accompany him owing to illness.

The directors of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society will meet with the secretary next Tuesday to revise the premium list.

The electric road has issued a new and neatly arranged pocket time table, giving the leaving time of the cars at all of the villages on the line.

A. E. Fitch, clerk of the district court, attended the annual banquet of the association of district and police court clerks at Boston Wednesday.

Harry Bartlett of Springfield made a short visit this week with Clifford B. Hill, who is spending a vacation with his parents on Knox street.

The banns of marriage of John T. Moran of Springfield and Miss Nellie Olney of Palmer were announced Sunday morning at St. Thomas's church.

W. H. Hill of Knox street has sold his house and lot in West Springfield, where he formerly lived before his removal to Palmer, to Mrs. E. W. Fish.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Baptist church will have a social at the home of Rev. C. W. Haines on Pleasant street next Tuesday evening.

D. F. Holden has an advertisement of real estate and other personal property in another column which will prove of interest to prospective purchasers.

W. R. Milligan announces a selling out sale of his stock of footwear, and greatly reduced prices will prevail at his store until he has disposed of his stock.

A team representing the Palmer Rod and Gun Club will go to Amherst next Thursday to participate in a shoot held under the auspices of the Gun Club League.

H. A. Crofton will move from Thomas Roche's house on Squier street, where he has resided for the past six years, to L. A. Conant's farm near the carpet mill.

The street railway company has bought of C. E. Fuller an additional piece of land near the car barn, 30 by 150 feet, in order to make access to the building more convenient.

H. N. Blake of Westfield has taken the position of stenographer with the Flynt Building and Construction Company made vacant by the removal of Mr. Sargeant to North Carolina.

John Haley, while on his way to Palmer from Dunhamtown Tuesday, saw two deer near the Merriam place. They were both does, and crossed the road but a short distance ahead of him.

A number from the Congregational church will attend the Y. P. S. C. E. convention to be held in South Hadley next Thursday. The local society will elect delegates Sunday evening.

A freight car in the B. and A. yard was broken into Wednesday night, but nothing was taken except a keg of beer, which was consumed by the thieves evidently. There is no clue to the guilty parties.

The ladies of the Universalist church will serve a supper at 6 30 Tuesday evening, which will be followed by an entertainment at 7.30. Among the numbers on the programme will be a farce.

Dr. S. B. Keith is having his dental office connected direct with the pipes of the Palmer Water Company, and will put in a small motor to run his lathe and dental engine, and in warm weather a fan.

A caucus of the Republicans is called for next Tuesday evening at the town house, to choose delegates to state and county conventions for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention.

Unclaimed letters are advertised at the post office for C. A. Williams, F. J. Rice, Fred Williams, Mrs. Henry Fisher, Clarence J. Brown, A. Brown, Willard J. Brown, C. E. Merrill, James E Ripley.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mason died on Tuesday. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. B. Harrison officiating; burial was in the Thorndike street cemetery.

Rev. C. W. Haines will speak on "Proofs of the Resurrection" Sunday morning at the Baptist church. The church will be prettily decorated for Easter by the ladies, and at 7 p. m. an Easter concert will be given.

The W. R. C. will hold a regular meeting next Friday evening in Memorial Hall. At the last meeting two new color bearers were installed, and three new candidates will be initiated at the meeting on Friday evening.

L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R., held a regular meeting Wednesday night and voted to accept the invitation of Rev. C. W. Haines of the Baptist church to attend divine service on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day.

A new post office has been established at the railroad station in Barre, and named Bogue, in honor of C. A. Bogue, formerly of Palmer and Three Rivers, and now station agent for the Boston and Maine road at that place. Mr. Bogue has been made postmaster.

Miss McCaughan, who has been stenographer at the Massachusetts epileptic hospital for the past year and a half, severed her connection with that institution Saturday and has returned to her home in Springfield.

The Home missionary committee of the Congregational church cordially invites all interested to hear Mrs. West of Worcester speak in the church next Tuesday evening at 7 30 on "Our Indian Missions." A social hour will follow.

The Easter service of the Universalist church will be held at 5 o'clock Sunday evening. Rev. O. G. Petrie will be home over Sunday from Rutland but will not occupy his pulpit, it being supplied by a clergyman from Boston.

Architect Griggs of New Haven, who drew the plans for the new buildings at Forest Lake, has been in town this week looking over the grounds at the lake and making suggestions as to the disposal of the present buildings there.

The Men's Gordon Bible class of the Baptist church entertained about 30 at its social in the church parlors Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served, and an entertainment of readings, recitations, singing, etc., helped to make an evening much enjoyed by all present.

The early bookings for the opera house are: Week of April 23-28, the Empire stock company in repertoire at popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents; May 2, Lyman Brothers in "A Merry Chase"; 3, 4 and 5, the St. George Dramatic Company; 11, Palmer Business Club's minstrels.

Easter will be observed in the Universalist church Sunday, and the following musical programme has been arranged for the morning service:

"Grand Offertoire,"	Lefibure
"Alleluia, Christ is Risen,"	H. R. Shelly
"The Magdalene,"	G. W. Warren
"Alleluia, Christ is Risen,"	C. Deuree
"March des Girondies,"	S. Clark

There will be a big auction sale of a farm of 40 acres, personal property, farming tools, live stock, household furniture, etc., next Wednesday and Thursday on the J. D. Sawyer place on the road from Three Rivers to Thorndike, the latter village. A very large amount of property will be disposed of.

One person was naturalized in the district court last Monday, and four on Tuesday. Philip Quintall appeared Monday morning charged with drunkenness and was placed on probation. Wednesday morning John Broderick of Worcester was assessed $10 for drunkenness, and in default of funds has gone to the house of correction.

Rehearsals for the minstrel show of the Business and Social Club are being held twice a week, and the programme is sufficiently progressed to assure a performance which will be worth attending. The members of the club are selling tickets for the performance, which may be exchanged for reserved seats at Allen's drug store any time after 9 o'clock on Monday of the performance week until 6 on Friday evening.

A merchants' week was one of the questions brought up at the meeting of the Business and Social Club Tuesday evening, and from the information gathered it seemed to be a pretty general opinion that the one held last year was a good thing and ought to be repeated. The matter was left in the hands of the business committee with power to act. A meeting of the merchants was called yesterday afternoon to discuss the matter, but owing to the storm was not largely attended.

A carriage containing a man and a couple of ladies stopped at the lower side of the Commercial street bridge Monday noon to let the latter out to catch a train. The man had alighted and helped his passengers out, but before he could get in again the horse became frightened at a train overhead and started. The man hung to the reins and was dragged until at the top of the hill, when he let go and the horse trotted leisurely up to Main street and was easily caught, no damage being done except to the man's feelings.

The Business and Social Club held a meeting Tuesday evening and among other matters discussed the question of street sprinkling. The matter was finally left with the business committee of the club, and F. J. Hamilton has started out to see what subscriptions can be secured for the work. It is Mr. Hamilton's intention, should he receive sufficient encouragement, to purchase a new sprinkler and begin the work as near the middle of this month as possible. The dust of the past few days has been a nuisance to everybody, and it is hoped that arrangements may be completed for starting the sprinkler at an early date.

Easter will be observed at St. Thomas's Catholic church on Sunday with low mass at 7 30, high mass at 11, and vespers at 7.30 p. m. The musical programme, in charge of Miss Nellie Finnerty, organist, will be:

HIGH MASS.

	Gregorian
Vidi Aquam,	J. L. Battmann
Kyrie,	J. L. Battmann
Gloria,	J. L. Battmann
Credo,	A. Werner
Regina Coeli,	J. L. Battmann
Sanctus,	J. L. Battmann
Agnus Dei,	

VESPERS.

Domine ad adjuvandum,	Gregorian
Dixit Dominus,	Gregorian
Beatus Vir,	Gregorian
Laudate Pueri,	Selle
Laudate Dominum,	Selle
Magnificat,	Selected
Regina Coeli,	A. Werner
O Salutaris,	J. W. Wiegand
Tantum Ergo,	Rossi

The license application advertisements appear in another column. In addition to the druggists and the six who already hold licenses, there are seven new applicants, W. F. and J. F. Dunn for the Weeks House and L. W. Caryl and Co. in Palmer, T. J. Clifford, Michael Roche, Daniel Shiel and Beni Furkey in Thorndike, and D. J. Hartnett in Three Rivers. In Palmer the license held the last year by Dawson & Dawson on South Main street is applied for in the names of M. J. Dawson and Wallace Chilson. By law 10 days must elapse between the appearance of the advertisement and the granting of the licenses, so that the suspense on the part of the applicants will not be over until the 24th.

Ashley D. Studley, 76, formerly of Palmer, died last Friday evening at the home of his son, Deputy Sheriff O. W. Studley of Springfield, after a long illness with Bright's disease. Mr. Studley was born in Mansfield, Ct., where he spent his boyhood. He was employed by the Hydeville Manufacturing Company of Stafford for many years, moving from there to Warren and later to Palmer, where he was engaged as a farmer. He lived in Palmer until about three years ago, when he went to Springfield to live with his son. His wife died in Palmer about 10 years ago, and he had but one son who survives him. The funeral was held in Springfield and the body was taken to Stafford Monday morning for burial.

THORNDIKE.

Everett E. Kendall has taken a position in the yard of the Thorndike Company.

Misses Blanche and Florence Murdock have returned from their visit in Millbury.

Cornelius Roche of Westfield was in town over Sunday at the home of his parents.

The Thorndike basketball team has closed the season, and no more games will be played until fall.

Mrs. O'Donnell of South Hadley Falls was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. James F. Loftus, on Tuesday.

At a meeting of St. Mary's Total Abstinence society Wednesday evening three new members were admitted.

A large black animal has been seen this week, which appears to come up from the river through the sewer. It was discovered near the Exchange block. Some are inclined to think it is a mink.

It is understood that there is some illegal spearing of fish going on at the No. 2 dam nights, and unless the matter is stopped arrests are likely to follow. It is said that fish are taken from the waters by the boat load.

While placing a lighted candle on the altar at St. Mary's church Sunday morning John Hurley, one of the altar boys, set his clothing on fire, but it was soon extinguished without any trouble and he was not injured.

Thomas Russell has purchased the bakery business of John W. Loftus and will open for business the coming week. Mr. Russell will move his family from Worcester and occupy the tenement over Clark & Hastings's market.

Mrs. Frances Smith, while poking over the contents of some old boxes which had been in the family for years, came across a purse of old coins, gold and silver, to the amount of about $30. Some of the coins are valuable on account of their age.

A Polish woman was burned about the face by pouring kerosene oil upon a coal fire Tuesday. An explosion followed, in which the lids of the stove flew off. She was minus both eyebrows and part of her hair, and her face was badly blistered.

The first rehearsal of the Columbian band, together with the school children to the number of 40, who are to assist at the concerts of the bazar which is to open next Thursday at Union hall, was held Saturday evening under the direction of the leader, Prof. Thomas V. Short of Springfield.

The bazar of the Columbian band will open at Union Hall next Wednesday evening with a grand ball; music by O'Keefe's Orchestra of Thorndike, and Prof. N. J. Comfort of Palmer prompter. The bazar proper will open to the public Thursday evening and continue each evening until the 28th, with amusements and dancing each evening; change of programme each evening.

A new society is being formed in Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville for the Polish residents of the villages. The society is to be known as the Naturalization Club. The aim is to encourage the naturalization of the Polish residents as soon as they are eligible. A weekly sick benefit is also attached. Dr. Arthur Fournier of Three Rivers is the originator of the society, and Simon J. Jorczak is the general manager. There are already over 200 members.

The announcement in last week's issue of the Journal that Rev. G. M. Gerrish had tendered his resignation, to take effect July 1st, was read with regret by the townspeople in general, who are sorry to learn of his intended departure. Mr. Gerrish, since his arrival in Thorndike, has made many friends, not only among the members of his congregation, but others. Mrs. Gerrish will also be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. and Mrs. Gerrish will carry with them the best wishes of the entire community.

[For Three Rivers and Bondsville news see third page.]

A Suggestion in the Pie Line.

It has been said that the New England Yankee likes pie three times a day. However that may be, no place in the world has the pie reputation of New England. No other locality makes pies which can for a moment compare with those which "mother used to make" or makes now. It is safe to say that almost every man likes to finish his noonday meal with a piece of pie. Just at this season of the year there is a scarcity of "pie timber," so to speak. It is just between hay and grass—a little late for one and not quite late enough for the other. The pie material of last fall has largely been consumed, and it is hardly time for a new crop. Here is where science steps in and furnishes an article which is almost as good as the fresh fruit—evaporated applies, peaches and apricots and prunes. They are not the old-fashioned "dried" kind, hard to get soft enough to stick a fork into and still harder to digest, but evaporated by the latest improved methods, which retain all the original flavors of the fruit and give you pie material which can hardly be told from the fresh fruit. There is also canned apple, which is very nice, as well as blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, squash and pumpkin—pumpkin pies, yum, yum! —canned peaches and apricots, and prunes —evaporated—from 5 cents a pound to 13. There is also the condensed mince meat, which in spite of the prejudices of some is as wholesome as any ever made. Surely you can find something from which to make pies from this list. Shall we send you up something from it? J. F. Foley.

The very best groceries that money can buy.

MARRIED.

In Wales, 9th, by Rev. Walter Percy, Carlos Borgwardt and Alice Fenton.
In Belchertown, 10th, by Rev. Leon E. Bell, George F. Taylor and Clara Pilkey.

DIED.

In South Belchertown, 7th, James Griffin, 20.
In West Warren, 9th, Mrs. Mary Ann Hall, 76, widow of Willard Hall.
In Wales, 8th, William O. Underwood, 80.
In Springfield, 6th, Ashley D. Studley, 76, formerly of Palmer.
In Springfield, 6th, Rebecca Bailey, 81, widow of Scovil S. Merriam. Burial at Warren.
In Springfield, 8th, Thomas Costello, 52, of Monson.
In Washington, D. C., 9th, Mrs. Jane Converse, formerly of Belchertown.

TENEMENT of four rooms and one of seven rooms to rent. A. L. HILLS, Knox St.

FOR SALE.—White Plymouth Rock and Buff Leghorn eggs, none better. $1 per 15. 1-4
O. J. WAID, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Converse avenue. Inquire of W. W. LEACH, Palmer. 47-tf

TO RENT.—Two 6-room tenements in Cross Block.
Inquire of F. F. MARCY or D. L. BODFISH.

FOR SALE.—Brown leghorn eggs for hatching; $1.00 for 13. D. J. SULLIVAN, 1-5 School street, Thorndike.

FOR SALE.—One two-seated carriage, one good express wagon. Also cheap buggy.
51-tf GEO. A. KEITH, Palmer.

Wanted—Farm hands, laborers, man on milk route, sawyer for steam mill, and men to peel ties. W. N. FLYNT GRANITE CO.
Monson, April 13 1900.

TO RENT.—Tenement of 7 rooms on Central street. Furnace heat, both hot and cold water, desirable location. Inquire of
32-tf H. W. McGREGORY, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—The Samuel Edgerton property on Park street in Palmer. A desirable location, large yard, well-arranged house.
2-tf C. E. FULLER, Adm.

FOR SALE.—Eggs for hatching. Black Minorcas, Silver Hamburgs and Rhode Island Reds, $3 per setting. JOHN RILEY,
1-4 Box 2, Thorndike.

DRESSMAKING.—I wish to inform the ladies of Palmer and vicinity that I am prepared to do dressmaking in all its branches, or any kind of sewing. 2-5
M. S. SHAW, Thorndike St., Palmer.

FINE 65 acre Farm for sale. Good brick house, good barns and outbuildings; located near railway station; excellent facilities for shipping produce to the market. Fine large apples and peach orchards, running brook, 3 wells, keeps 5 cows, 2 horses and no better poultry farm can be had; 7 acres of heavy timber. This place cost owner over $2500. On account of old age and ill health will be sold for half that. Inquire of F. K. Rood of Rood & Woodbury, Springfield, or E. J. FULLER, Thorndike. 2-1ks

Wanted.

A man of energy, ability and integrity to represent us in Central Massachusetts. Weekly salary and commission. Apply by letter giving references, age, and previous occupation.
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Visit Mme. R. L. Fournier

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Wall Papers 4c a roll, Borders and Ceilings to match. . . Better grades correspondingly cheap. **L. A. Conant,**

Converse House Block, Palmer.

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Let the Boys and Girls

Come here for their new Shoes for Easter. We have an especially large line of Reliable Shoes for Boys and Girls that we are selling at very low prices.

Buy Your Children's Shoes Here

The Famous Walk-Over Shoe For Men.
New spring styles. Hickory Russia Calf and light weight Box Calf at **$3**

Ladies' Easter Shoes.
Dainty products of the shoemakers' skill, correct shapes. Black and Brown. Look well with your new Easter Gown. **$2**

For the Boys.
Same style as father's shoes, Tan, Black, good looking, good wearing, **$1.50**

Pretty Shoes for Girls.
Black and Brown shades, laced and Buttoned, sizes 11 to 2, **98c**

Don't Forget the Baby.
Dainty soft soled Shoes, all colors, **25c & 35c**

Western Mass. Shoe Co.,
Near Post Office.
HOLDEN'S BLOCK, PALMER.
Mrs. E. H. Pope, Manager.

Millinery for Easter.

Ladies are invited to inspect our large and varied assortment of Hats and Bonnets for Easter, at prices ranging from $8 to $25 each.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Mrs. M. M. Davis,
38 Vernon Street,
Springfield.

Alteration Sale of Gent's Clothing, Suits,

Overcoats, Pants, Bicycle Suits, Bicycle Pants, Etc.
Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Etc.

We have a good assortment of Boys' Overcoats, Ulsters, and Reefers to be closed out at unheard of prices.

Ladies' Jackets of all colors.
Tailor-Made Suits and Skirts.
Silk Waists, Etc.

Sale Will Begin Friday Evening April 6.

OPEN EVERY EVENING.

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Opposite Riverside Hotel.

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We are, as usual, headquarters for

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Seed Potatoes,
Lime, Ashes and
Fertilizer Salt,
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"The World's Best By Every Test."

Remember you can buy the best Bread and Pastry Flour lower than at any other place in Hampden County. Every barrel guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money back.

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For a few days we offer Ladies' Muslin Underwear at last year's prices. A saving of

25 Per Cent from Present Prices.

Isn't this worth looking after?

Skirts, Night Robes, Drawers, Corset Covers, Chemise.

Stone's, Palmer.

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Are you aware that we are headquarters for all kinds of Picture Framing?

Our line of Mouldings includes many styles in the latest dull finish, which is now very popular. We invite you to examine our samples at the Photograph Studio, Commercial Street, also at our Framing Department, Bank Block.

If you are thinking of having your Photograph made it will pay you to call and see our very latest styles of work in all the popular finishes.

A Good Place to Buy Frames. } **Woodhead Bros., Palmer.**

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MY SPECIALTY,

Buying and Selling Real Estate.

Have you Real Estate which you are desirous of selling? Farm, Small Place, House in Village, Business Block, Tenement to Rent, Building Lot, or Business of any kind.

COME AND SEE ME.

An interview, which costs you nothing, may be to our mutual interest.

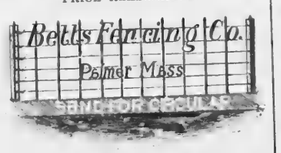
BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL.

Whatever you may want may be obtained through me. Will act as agent either buying or selling. Have had fair success as agent for others.

"What has been done, may be done."

SHEEP FOR SALE.

Want to dispose of 7 Sheep.
PRICE REASONABLE.



Best Fence for Cattle, Horses and Sheep; have quantities on hand, cheap.

D. F. HOLDEN,
PALMER, MASS.

Calvin W. Hastings, Auctioneer.

Office with T. W. Keneflck. Telephone 13-21.

Mrs. Ida Grenier,
GENERAL TRAINED NURSE,
Three Rivers, Mass., at residence Dr. Fournier. Telephone 2-4.

—— Our Annual ——

...Spring Opening...

demonstrated to the public that we are absolutely headquarters for

Shirt Waists.

Our Waist at 50c is seldom equalled and never excelled.

In the better grades we have splendid specimens of the designer's art.

Goods we are selling at much lower figures than you can obtain by purchasing the material.

Beautiful Silks and Ginghams for those who wish to make their own Waists.

See our fine line of Gentlemen's Neckwear for Spring.

To get the most for your money buy at

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New Goods

That are suggestive of Spring.

Ginghams.
In soft and delicate shades of colorings. Assortment large in style and values.

Percales.
Beautiful in design and finish.

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Full line of Bleached and Brown Cottons, Table Linen, Napkins and Towels, Dress Trimmings, Linings, Braids and Buttons, Hosiery, from the very cheap to the high price variety.

Groceries in Full Stock.

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Seeds That Will Grow.

I have received a full line of Garden Seeds from the celebrated house of D. M. Ferry & Co., and can give you seeds that will grow if they are treated right.

Sweet Pea Seeds in bulk.
Nasturtium Seeds in bulk.

Try these seeds—I know they are right.

E. B. TAYLOR,

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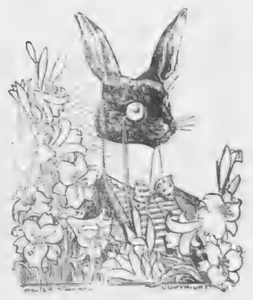
REMEMBER WE ARE HEADQUARTERS FOR WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

Your Easter Attire



should be as fresh and seasonable as Easter Lilies, and up-to-date in everything, particularly if you would be in accord with spring beauty and freshness. Everything that the properly dressed man can wish in Hats, Neckwear, Shirts, Gloves, Collars and Hosiery, can be selected from our many novelties in nobby and fashionable styles at prices right for goods offered.

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The Outfitter.

Hatter and Furnisher.

Corner Main and Central Sts., Palmer.

Don't fail to see our suitings for Spring. They are within your reach, still out of sight.

INSURANCE

of every kind placed at short notice, and all favors duly appreciated.
Yours truly,
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Office at Ridge's Food Factory.

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To sell our hardy New England grown Nursery Stock. Liberal terms offered to reliable men; either commission or salary. A good chance for bright men. Write for terms at once.

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A Change

of style, color and material is noticeable in the

New Millinery.

The departing styles haven't left a trace of their existence behind. Everything is new. Everything beautiful. Our stock is a demonstration of loveliness, excellence and moderate prices.

French millinery may be more celebrated than ours, but ours is not far behind it in beauty.

M. & M. GAVIN,

Monson.

Forbes & Wallace,

Springfield, April, 1900.

The New Hat for Spring

Give us all the time you can to make it.

But do you prefer to have your new hat or bonnet made? Here are several hundred choice creations, all ready to be put on and worn at any minute. No need of waiting, no need to think about the making, they are already complete, and are the products of the proudest and most stylish efforts of artistic modistes—and you can choose just the particular hat that strikes you just right—

$3 to $38 each.

Two hundred completed children's hats ready also, the most artistic styles ever seen—

$2.50 to $10.

Tailor-Made Suits

Buy your Spring suit early enough this week to give us time to make any alterations that may be necessary to have it fit just right.

We are making many important offerings:

Eton Suit of blue mixed homespun, wide revers with twelve rows of stitching; jacket silk lined; skirt with new box-plaited back and percaline lined. **$14**

Black Ladies' Cloth Suit, Jacket in Eton style with appliqued revers; skirt with box-plaited back; jacket lined with silk taffeta; skirt lined with percaline. **$16**

Gray Plaid Homespun Suits, Eton style, high collar, lined with silk taffeta; skirt lined with percaline; jacket and skirt trimmed with silk. **$18**

Brown Mixed Suiting, fly-front jacket style; jacket lined with silk; skirt lined with percaline; jacket and skirt inlaid seams. **$21**

Spring Sale of Men's Goods

We present all the novelties of the season, and they are many. And, by the way, men, a dollar bill goes farther here than elsewhere. Do you know that?

Easter styles in Silk String Ties, Band Bows, Imperials and Teck Scarfs—an immense variety, **25c each**

Easter styles in fine quality silk 1½ inch Reversible Four-in-Hands, Imperials, English Squares and Bat Wing, **50c each**

Easter styles in Heavy Silk Imperials, English Squares, Four-in-Hand,—new and striking patterns—by far the biggest and finest stock we ever had, **$1 each**

Gloves—one-button gray Mocha—very stylish, elegant and dressy, **$1.50 pair**

Adler's gloves in all the to-be popular spring colorings, one-clasp glace, **$1 pair**

Forbes & Wallace,

Main, Vernon and Pynchon Streets,

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Spring Wear for Ladies.

An elegant line of

Beautiful Silk Waists

From $6 to $22. As fine an assortment as you ever saw. Also

Elegant Tailor-Made Suits.

Just what you want, all prices. And the finest assortment of

Ladies' Mackintoshes

You ever saw.

Wait for my wagon.

Harris Berman.

STEAM CARPET CLEANING.

Have your Carpets cleaned at Kenerson's Steam Carpet Cleaning Works. Carpets in the Depot Village called for and delivered without charge. Mail orders promptly attended to.

Also Lawn Mowers Repaired and Sharpened, and all kinds of light machine work done.

Geo. B. Kenerson, Park St., Palmer.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 13, 1900.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

Deacon A. H. White is quite ill with the grippe.

Miss Annise Adams of Barre is visiting Mrs. L. H. White.

Fuller the shoeist is selling pretty shoes for infants at 50 cents.

Mrs. Fred E. Fairbanks spent a few days at Mittineague this week.

Charles C. Keith has been quite ill this week, but is much better now.

Miss Nellie Mixter has removed her household goods to Springfield.

Miss Louise Gallivan of Norwich is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. T. Gallivan.

Mrs. Eli Sorrell of Colton Hollow has had a shock, and is in a critical condition.

The regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters will be held this evening.

Miss Myra Browne has not returned to school at the Academy on account of illness.

W. G. Severy of Springfield was the guest of his bother, F. E. Severy, over Sunday.

H. W. Bugbee of Wesleyan University is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bugbee.

Druggist Chapman has had some alterations made in his store, preparing for a new soda fountain.

Mr. McDonald of Chatham, N. Y., has accepted a position as blacksmith for the G. W. Burdick Co.

The public schools were closed to-day to allow the teachers to attend the teachers' meeting at Warren.

The Misses Gavin report a lively Easter trade in millinery, with a goodly number of Palmer customers.

Mrs. Eugene Fosket has been called to her former home by the serious illness of her father and mother.

William Carroll has been confined to his home on North Main street this week with an attack of the grippe.

William Flynt from Yale College is spending a few days' vacation with his mother, Mrs. E. K. Flynt.

Miss Sarah E. Bradford has been quite sick this week, but is better. Mrs. Westcott is taking care of her.

The "spirit" show in Memorial hall Tuesday evening by Prof. Slade was a slim one. There was a fair audience.

Miss Lillie Webb played the organ at the Congregational church Sunday, in the absence of the regular organist.

Miss Rebecca Kennedy of North Dana is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Kennedy of South Main street.

Sherry Stewart of Wales, well known in this town, has accepted a position with Armour & Co. at Hartford, Ct.

Miss Gertrude B. Gage of Wellesley College is spending the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gage.

William Burdick, who has been working with his brother James in the blacksmithing business, has gone to Palmer to work.

Special meetings have been held at the Congregational church every evening this week. To-morrow the service will be at 3 p. m.

Bernard Bradway, who has been employed by Heimann & Lichten, is to enter the employ of the electric road company.

Mr. Carvahlo, who has been ill with diphtheria, has returned to his home in Rockaway, N. Y. His mother, who has been with him during his sickness, accompanied him.

Miss Maud Odell George's dancing class will meet in Memorial Hall next Tuesday instead of Monday night, on account of the Easter ball.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ellis and Mr. and Miss Morris are not expected home from their trip until the 20th. The time has again been extended.

Mrs. George Mixter, who recently sold her Mechanic street house to Maurice Haley, is to occupy the Seth Bradway house near No. 1 school house.

W. H. Pease, the florist, had a large shipment of plants damaged by the cold weather the first of the week by being delayed between Belchertown and this place.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harvey were called to Wales the first of the week on account of the death of W. O. Underwood, Mrs. Harvey's father. The funeral took place Tuesday.

C. C. Keep has been very sick this week with pneumonia. He was taken Saturday, the day following his father's funeral. On Wednesday the fever had left him, and he is considered out of danger.

Mrs. Grace Franklyn Lynch, until recently with the Robert Mantell Company, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart on the edge of Wales, previous to her accepting an engagement with another company.

Lawyer Ball expects to move into Mrs. G. H. Newton's south tenement about May 1. Mrs. Newton is to move into the north tenement, and Mr. Seymour will move from there into Dr. Fuller's double house, east tenement, on Park avenue.

The King's Daughters will hold an Easter sale and supper in the Methodist vestry next Wednesday. Supper will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock for the small sum of ten cents. The sale of useful and fancy articles will continue throughout the evening.

The services at the Universalist church Sunday will be appropriate to Easter. The pastor will speak in the morning on "The threefold life," after which members will be received into the church. The Sunday school concert will be given in the evening at 7 o'clock.

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Society in Boston Wednesday, Dr. J. P. Rand was elected one of the vice presidents. The morning session of the society was devoted to the committee on clinical medicine, of which Dr. Rand is chairman.

Rev. A. R. Nichols, for the past three years pastor of the Methodist church, has been transferred to Dorchester. Rev. A. W. L. Nelson takes his place. Mr. Nelson, who has been a member of this conference since 1886, has been stationed at Trinity church, West Medford for the past three years.

Sylvanus Pease, an old resident of the town, died at the town farm Wednesday night at the age of 82 years. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Ryder, brother, Roswell Pease, and a sister, Mrs. T. G. Shaw, all of Monson. The funeral was held this afternoon, and burial was in the Butler district cemetery.

The annual meeting of the Monson-Brimfield school district committee was held last Saturday and Superintendent F. J. Sherman was re-elected for the third year of service. This will be very pleasing to the majority of the townspeople, who appreciate Mr. Sherman's faithful and efficient work in the schools.

The young people of the Methodist church gave the farce, "An Old Maid's Wooing," in the vestry last Friday evening. The parts were well taken and the large company present seemed to enjoy the entire entertainment. Besides the play there was music: a banjo solo by Miss Taylor, and singing by a quartet composed of the Misses Moore and Messrs A. H. Orcutt and Moulton.

The annual parish meeting of the Universalist church was held Monday evening. The treasurer reported the finances to be in good condition, with only about $40 uncollected on the pledges. These officers and committees were chosen: Clerk, W. L. Ricketts; treasurer, C. W. King; parish committee, A. D. Ellis, W. J. Ricketts, G. A. Harvey, A. A. Babbitt, R. F. Bradway; music, A. D. Ellis, W. J. Ricketts; auditors, A. A. Babbitt, G. W. Seymour. It was voted to change the date of the annual meeting from April to the second Monday evening in March.

Thomas Costello, 52, died at the House of Mercy Hospital in Springfield Sunday, where he had been for about two weeks. The funeral was held at St. Patrick's church Tuesday morning and the burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Mr. Costello was born in Ireland and came to this country when a young man. He was employed by the Flynt Granite Co. for a number of years, but his health had not permitted him to work for some time previous to his death. He leaves three children, Kate, who was recently married and lives in Westfield, and two sons, Thomas and John. Mrs. Costello died when the children were small.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 will hold its concert and ball in Memorial Hall next Monday night. Music will be furnished by Nelson's orchestra, Miss Florence Nelson leader, with Richard F. Ritter prompter. The committee of arrangements is Dennis A. Murphy, J. F. Crowley, Frank McKernan and R. F. Ritter, assisted by members of the company. A concert will be given from 8 to 9 o'clock, with this program:

Overture, "The Bridal party," Sellepegvell
Sentimental song, "She rests by the Swanee River," Mr. H. F. Miller
Violin solo, selected, Miss Florence Nelson
Song of Sentiment, selected, Mr. W. E. Cantwell
Overture, "Tadella," Bendix
Song, variety, "The swell up to date," Messrs. Ritter and Crosby
Overture, "Arternis," Stahl

The Easter services at the Congregational church Sunday have been arranged with much care. A quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Norcross, H. W. McGregory and Mrs. Rufus Flynt will assist the regular choir. The order of music for Sunday morning is as follows:

Organ prelude, Prelude to "Holy City," Gaul
Call to praise.
Doxology.
Anthem, "Why Seek Ye the Living Among the Dead," Brown
Response, "Come to the Saviour," Sleeper
Quartet. Mozart
Hymn No. 229,
Anthem, "At the Sepulchre." Palestrina
Hymn No. 295,
Organ postlude, "Hallelujah chorus," Handel

The usual Easter Sunday school concert will be held at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Forest fires during the week have done considerable damage, and they have also brought before the people the fact that the office of forest fire warden is really a more important one than many have imagined. Three of these wardens are appointed each year by the selectmen, and the law says that a person so appointed should either accept or reject the appointment within a stated time, but on account of ignorance of the law this has not always been done. Last Saturday a forest fire started in the woods back of the Bartholomew Connell place, and Chief Engineer Needham was called upon to help extinguish it. Although it was wholly out of his jurisdiction he and E. S. Howlett and others of the fire department took chemical 1 and went to the scene. They were met by No. 3 men, and in a short time the fire was out, only one charge having been used. The members of the department receive no pay for such work. There was another forest fire Wednesday in the west part of the town, on property lying between the Hampden and Wilbraham roads.

THREE RIVERS.

A. A. Brown is in Boston on a business trip.

Frank Fleury has moved from Thorndike to this place.

Fred White of Saco, Me., has been visiting with P. C. Story.

J. H. Thayer has moved into F. A. Upham's house on High street.

Mrs. Esther Wilson of Palladvale is visiting the family of A. S. Barton.

Miss Grace Ayers of Belchertown is visiting at the home of J. H. Thayer.

John Hamill has returned from a visit in Ireland and has gone to work in Clinton.

John Woodhall of Chicopee has taken a position in John Wilson's hardware store.

Fred Maynard has obtained employment in Ludlow and will move to that place soon.

Mrs. Fred Burlingame and son of Springfield visited at the home of N. K Story, over Sunday.

An Easter concert will be given in Union church Sunday evening by the children of the Sunday school.

Work has been commenced on the foundation of a new house on High and Kelley streets by the Palmer Mill.

Someone entered the house of Samuel Turkington last Friday morning and stole $10 belonging to Amelia Brownlee.

There is some talk of a Polish church being organized in this place at an early date. A meeting was held at Ruggles's Hall Sunday and was largely attended by Poles from the different villages.

E. H. Hecox was called to Silver Creek, N. Y., last week by the death of his father, J. H. Hecox, formerly of Palmer. The body was brought to Palmer Saturday and placed in the tomb in the Thorndike street cemetery.

BONDSVILLE.

Miss Harriet Stebbins spent Tuesday in Springfield.

Miss Bella Feauteaur left Monday for Woonsocket, R. I.

O. A. Parent has a number of crocuses in bloom in his garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Parent of South Framingham are visiting at O. A. Parent's.

Miss Kate Granfield of Monson was the guest of Bondsville friends a few days last week.

O. A. Parent is having a porch built over the entrance of the second story of his house.

S. F. Granfield of Springfield was the guest of the Misses Moynahan over Sunday.

Miss Annie Ashe spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin, Miss May Bowler of Monson.

Father O'Gara of Springfield has been transferred to St. Bartholomew's church during Father McKeany's absence.

Misses Mollie and Lizzie Moynahan visited friends in Stafford Tuesday and returned with their dog "Duke" Tuesday evening.

Charles Burnett, James Sullivan and Adolphus Cote have recently purchased a new boat which was placed on the river this week.

"A subscriber" should bear in mind that the contributor's name should always accompany items sent the paper, though it will not be printed.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Moulton of Lewiston, Me., who have been spending a week at the home of their son, George Moulton, returned home Tuesday.

The marriage banns of Miss Margaret Sullivan and John Donahue were published last Sunday for the first time at St. Bartholomew's church.

Michael Griffin and family and Thomas Mansfield and family have moved into the house recently erected by the Boston Duck Co. on North Main street.

Mrs. William E. Hall of Lowell, formerly of Bondsville, has the sympathy of many friends here in the death of her mother, which occurred last Friday.

Miss Chandler, principal of the grammar school, returned to her home in Norwood, and Miss Pope of the third and fourth grades to her home in Cambridge Saturday morning.

Rev. John A Bowler, formerly of the Centerville M. E. church of Lowell, was appointed by the New England conference to the Bondsville M. E. church, and will preach Sunday.

Charles Shaw, boss mechanic of the Boston Duck Company, while assisting in moving filling frames recently injured one of his legs. As the wound did not heal satisfactorily he underwent a surgical operation Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Alley returned Tuesday from the New England conference at Fitchburg. Mr. Alley was appointed to the People's church at Newburyport, and will preach his first sermon at his new appointment next Sunday, leaving Bondsville to-morrow. He will be accompanied as far as Lynn by his two youngest daughters, Evelyn and Elizabeth, who will visit relatives there for a few weeks.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

The men of Grace church are hard at it preparing for the annual turkey supper, which will be held next Tuesday evening.

The Republicans will caucus at Music Hall, Wilbraham, next Wednesday, to choose delegates to state and congressional conventions

Mr. and Mrs. George Marquis Converse have announced an "at home" at the residence of E. B. Gates next Wednesday evening. They will go to Worcester the following Saturday, where they will make their home.

WALES.

Emil R. Lesher is in Boston in consultation with the German consul in relation to some property in Germany formerly belonging to his deceased father.

The household furniture of the late W. O. Underwood will be sold next Thursday afternoon at auction. Mrs. Underwood is in feeble health and will go to live with her daughter in Monson.

Carlos Borgwardt and Alice Felton, both of Wales, were married Monday by Rev. Walter Percy. Mr. Borgwardt has just enlisted in the United States marine service, and left on Tuesday for a service of three years.

Rev. Walter Percy left his wheel outside the house a few nights ago and in the morning it was missing. He offered a reward of $10 for its return, and on returning from meeting Thursday evening of last week he found the wheel beside the house with a note thanking him for the use of it.

WILBRAHAM.

The spring term of the Academy has opened with about the same number of students as during the winter term.

The body of Dr. Welch of Brooklyn, N. Y., was brought to Wilbraham last Friday afternoon for burial in Woodland Dell cemetery.

Much interest is being shown among the students of the Academy in the baseball teams. There are 26 men now being trained, and the two teams play every afternoon.

The Academy united with the local church this week in holding holy week services. The meetings were held in Memorial church, and were in charge of Rev. W. A. Thomas.

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Cyrus A. Alden of New York, formerly of Wilbraham, have received invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Florence, to Francis Wyckoff Belknap Monday afternoon at St. James church.

BRIMFIELD.

George Streeter is critically ill.

Mrs. Lillian Janes, who has been ill for two or three weeks, is improving.

Dr. E. T. McNally, wife and son of Boston have been guests of their mother, Mrs. Reynolds.

Miss Fannie Warren and Miss Nellie Thurston of Worcester are spending a week at the hotel.

The annual meeting of the Brimfield hotel company will be held at the selectmen's room next Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Rev. W. P. Clancy commenced his duties as pastor of the Brimfield church last Sunday. The parsonage is undergoing some repairs before being occupied by Mr. Clancy and family.

A joint meeting of the school committees of Monson and Brimfield was held in Brimfield Saturday afternoon. Mr. Sherman was re-elected to the position of superintendent of schools of the two towns.

Rev. Mr. Kyle moved with his family to their new home in Hebron, Ct., this week. There are two parishes in the town, one pastor officiating in both. Mr. Kyle will reside in the Gilead parish, as Rev. Mr. Clancy has done.

WEST WARREN.

The conference appointment for the M. E. church here is Harry G. Butler.

Mr. V. Grant of Ipswich was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Frank Potter, last week.

The farm and household goods belonging to Charles H. Fosket were sold at auction Wednesday.

Robert Cunliffe, a former resident of this village, died last week at his daughter's home in Springfield.

Mrs. George Barton Jr., and Miss Jennie Barton have been quite sick this past week; both are now convalescent.

Rev. G. Potter has returned from conference. He has taken no appointment and will enter his collegiate course studies immediately. The friends of Mr. Potter gave him a farewell reception Tuesday evening, presenting a purse of $50.

Mrs. Mary Ann Hall died Monday evening at her home on Main street, aged 76. Mrs. Hall has been an invalid for several years from rheumatism, but for some time past seemed better, and death came very suddenly. She was a native of and had always lived in West Warren.

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REV. MR. SHELDON'S NEW STORY.

It Will Begin in The Boston Daily Globe Monday; "Edward Blake, College Student"—A Great Children's Department in The Sunday Globe.

Not far from 20,000,000 copies of Rev. Charles M. Sheldon's book, "In His Steps," have been sold, and it has had more readers than any other book written by a living author. In Mr. Sheldon's recent experiment with the Topeka *Capital* he was followed by hundreds of thousands of readers. His Daily *Globe* story, "Edward Blake, College Student," is certain to arouse a widespread interest, and every one who wishes to read it without missing a chapter should ask his newsdealer to deliver The *Globe* daily beginning with next Monday.

The Sunday *Globe* is making an unusually strong appeal to the children with a toy theater in colors and a fine special department filled with bright things for the little ones. Every parent will find The Sunday *Globe* to be a very acceptable gift to the children.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try Jell-O, a delicious dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No baking! add hot water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocer's. 10 cents.

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Mr. Otto Smith, a farmer living out about a mile on the Thorndike road, says: "I was greatly benefitted by using Doan's Kidney Pills sold at LeGro's drug store. My back hurt me extremely, I could hardly rise from a chair, suffered from disagreeable feelings in my head, and was greatly annoyed with the kidney secretions. I was never free from depression, for the dull grinding pain over my kidneys took all the snap out of me. I obtained more benefit from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills than from all the other medicines I ever took. I do not hesitate to recommend them whenever opportunity arises."

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STONE'S. . . .

WARREN.

Two more cars of machinery direct from England came Monday for No. 4 mill.

George Butler has declined to serve as tax collector. His successor has not yet been appointed by the selectmen.

The body of Mrs. Rebecca B. Merriam of Springfield was brought to Warren Monday for burial in Pine Grove cemetery.

On account of some rush orders the whole force of the Torkelson gun shop has been working all the week until 9 p. m.

On account of the rush of work the Torkelson Manufacturing Company has been running their machine room evenings all the week.

The Warren Tennis Club held a meeting Tuesday night and elected these officers: President, C. E. Comins; vice president, L. B. Allyn; secretary and treasurer, F. W. Bliss.

Sunday morning a special Easter offering will be made in the Congregational church for the purpose of aiding in establishing a relief kitchen for the famine sufferers in India.

The body of Joseph F. Trombly, who died Saturday in East Windsor, Ct., was brought to Warren Monday and buried in the Catholic cemetery. He is survived by a widow and 10 children.

The new pattern house for the Slater Engine Company was commenced Wednesday morning by Contractor Nevins. The new building is to be eighty-four feet long, thirty feet wide and two stories high.

Clarissa, the two-years-old daughter of Adolph Adams, of West Warren, died of diphtheria Saturday evening after a very short illness. There was a private burial in the Catholic cemetery Sunday afternoon.

The committee on a fire alarm system has decided upon these places for the location of the boxes: On East Main street near the house of Frank A. Keith, town hall, lower village square, near No. 4 mill, and at West Warren near Crossman's block.

The school committee held its first regular meeting Wednesday afternoon and elected Frank E. Gleason chairman and Joseph G. Hastings clerk. These truant officers were chosen: Henry Green, Herbert P. Johnson, Franklin Bemis, William Welch, Clarence L. Thompson.

Work was started Tuesday morning by John A. Lane & Sons of Westfield on the section of state road awarded the town last year. The road will start near the residence of Oscar W. Rice on East Main street and extend 3000 feet toward West Brookfield, ending near the house of H. Underwood. The work is under the direction of Charles S. Lane, who has built several excellent roads in the vicinity.

Thomas Perkins of Hartford, who represents Hartford and Boston capital, has been in town trying to interest the selectmen of Warren, and the towns of Brookfield, West Brookfield and North Brookfield in an electric service in the Brookfields, and the company is confident that lights can be furnished at no greater cost than the kerosene lamps which are now used. Warren's contract with the Central Massachusetts Electric Company of Palmer expires the first of May.

The Rural Improvement Society held its annual meeting in Grand Army hall Monday evening and elected the following officers: President, Miss Mary S. Hitchcock; vice presidents, Miss Edith W. Chadsey, Charles N. Shepard; secretary and treasurer, Daniel G. Hitchcock; executive committee, the officers and Dr. O. W. Phelps, Mrs. Mercy D. Bliss, Mrs. Julia M Newton, Mrs. Julia M. Hitchcock, Mrs. Margaret R. Shumway, J. G. Hastings, W. H. Fairbank, Mrs. Lizzie S. Fairbank, Alfred L. Converse, Mrs. Jennie S. Fairbanks, Miss Mary C. Burbank, William B. Oleson.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamnick & Co. of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at C. A. LeGro's drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved,—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by C. A. LeGro. Guaranteed.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five bottles of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on earth, and the best Salve in the world. 25 cents a box. Sold by C. A. LeGro.

The Appetite of a Goat

Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c at C. A. LeGro's drug store.

The World Moves.

There is no cough that Otto's Cure will not relieve. There is no other remedy that will bring relief so quickly. The world moves, and there is no "old-fashioned" or "old-time" medicine, however well advertised, that can do the work of the modern German remedy, Otto's cure. All druggists sell Otto's Cure in 25c. and 50c. bottles.

Mothers! Mothers! Mothers!

How many children are at this season feverish and constipated, with bad stomach and headache. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children will always cure. If worms are present they will certainly remove them. At all druggists', 25 cents. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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H. A. NORTHROP, Palmer.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Lyman L. Keith has applied for a license of the sixth class to sell intoxicating liquors as a druggist, in the Johnson block, situated on Main street in the village of Three Rivers.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that A. P. Adams has applied for a license of the sixth class to sell intoxicating liquors as druggist, in the drug store occupied by said A. P. Adams, situate on Commercial street in Thorndike Village.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that C. A. LeGro has applied for a license of the sixth class to sell intoxicating liquors as druggist, in the Nassowanno House block in the Village of Palmer.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that O. P. Allen, agent, has applied for a license of the sixth class to sell intoxicating liquors as druggist, in the westerly corner store of Holden's block in the Village of Palmer.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Beni Furkey has applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as common victualer, in the most northerly room in the basement of the Murdock block, so-called, situate on the easterly side of Commercial street in the village of Thorndike in said Palmer.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Michael Roche and Cornelius Roche, under the firm name of Michael Roche & Co., have applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as common victualers, in the ell part and in the cellar underneath said ell part of the residence owned by said Michael Roche and situate on the corner of Commercial and Thorndike streets in the village of Thorndike.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Timothy J. Clifford has applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as an innholder, in the Clinton House, so-called, situate on the easterly side of Commercial street in the village of Thorndike between the property of William Lawton on the south and the property of one Loftus on the north.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Daniel J. Hartnett and James F. Hartnett, under the firm name of Daniel J. Hartnett & Co., have applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as common victualers, in the two connecting rooms constituting the first story of the frame building belonging to the estate of John F. Hartnett, situate on the easterly side of Main street in the village of Three Rivers, between the grain store of one Filmore and double house occupied by said John F. Hartnett on the east, the cellar of said building to be used for storage of liquors.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that William Lawton has applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as innholder, in the building known as the Thorndike Hotel on the easterly side of Commercial street in Thorndike, between the store and tenement owned by said Lawton and land owned by the proprietors of the Clinton House on the north, and land owned by said Lawton and land owned by Maurice Lawlor on the south, the basement to be used for storage of liquors.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Michael J. Dawson and Wallace Chilson, under the firm name of Dawson & Co., have applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as common victualers, in Munger's block, so-called, on South Main street in the Depot Village of said Palmer, the premises are bounded easterly by building occupied by S. Kelsey, southerly and westerly by said South Main street, northerly by Boston & Albany Railroad Company's land.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that William F. Dunn and James S. Dunn, under the firm name or William F. Dunn & Co., have applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as innholders, in the two and one-half story frame building situate on the westerly side of South Main street in the village of Palmer, known as the Weeks House.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Daniel J. Shiel has applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as common victualer, in the room constituting the whole of the first floor and story of the frame building numbered 33, on the westerly side of Commercial street in the village of Thorndike in said town.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Edwin R. Pierce and John B. Dawson, under the firm name of E. R. Pierce & Co., have applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as innholders, in the basement of the building known as the Converse House, and in the rooms used for hotel purposes in the building aforesaid, said building being the same situate on the westerly corner of Main and Walnut streets in the Depot Village of said Palmer.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter of the Public Statutes that Maurice Moriarty and Michael J. Donahue, under the firm name of M. Moriarty & Co., have applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as common victualers, in the one-story frame building situate on the westerly side of Prospect street in Bondsville, in said Palmer, being the first building northerly from the residence of said Maurice Moriarty, the whole of first story to be used for bar-room and the basement or cellar to be used for storage of liquors.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that Daniel J. Mahoney and Daniel J. Keefe, under the firm name of Mahoney & Keefe have applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as innholders, in the Riverside Hotel building, situate on the northerly side of Main street in Three Rivers, in said Palmer, between building owned by one Rogers on the east, and land now or formerly owned by one Rivers on the west, the bar to be in the room on the west side of building and the basement of said building to be used for storage of liquors.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that L. W. Caryl and Fred H. Caryl, under the firm name of L. W. Caryl & Co., have applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as common victualers, in the three connecting rooms constituting the basement of Caryl's block, so-called, situate at the corner of Main and Commercial streets in the Depot Village of said Palmer, the entrance to said premises to be from southerly side of said Commercial street, to bar to be located in the room at the westerly end of said basement and the cellar beneath said westerly end to be used for storage of liquors.
GEO. M. ATKINS, Chairman of Selectmen.

NOTICE is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that John Murphy and Michael E. Murphy, under the firm name of John Murphy & Co., have applied for licenses of the 1st and 4th classes to sell intoxicating liquors as innholders, all to be exercised in the Nassowanno Hotel, situate at the corner of Main and Walnut streets in the Depot Village of said town.
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THE CRUCIFIXION OF PHILIP STRONG.

By REV. CHARLES M. SHELDON,

Author of "In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?" "Malcom Kirk," "Robert Hardy's Seven Days," Etc.

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CHAPTER XVIII.

When a few minutes later Mrs. Strong came up, Philip told her exactly how he had decided.

"I cannot leave these poor fellows in the tenements yet. My work is just beginning to count with them. And the church—oh, Sarah, I love it, for it has such possibilities, and it must yield in time. And then the whisky men—I cannot bear to have them think me beaten, driven out, defeated. And in addition to all the rest I have a feeling that God has a wonderful blessing in store for me and the church very soon, and I cannot banish the feeling that if I accept the call to Fairview I should always be haunted by that ghost of Duty murdered and run away from which would make me unhappy in all my future work. Dear little woman," Philip went on as he drew his wife's head down and kissed her tenderly, while tears of disappointment fell from her—"little woman, you know you are the dearest of all earthly beings to me. And my soul tells me the reason you loved me enough to share earth's troubles with me was that you knew I could not be a coward in the face of my duty, my conscience and my God. Is it not so?"

The answer came in a sob of mingled anguish and happiness:

"Yes, Philip, but it was only for your sake I wanted you to leave this work. It is killing you. Yet"—and she lifted her head, with a smile through all the tears—"yet, Philip, 'whither thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God. Where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me and more also if aught but death part thee and me.'"

There were people in Milton who could not understand how a person of such refined and even naturally expensive and luxurious habits as the minister's wife possessed could endure the life he had planned for himself and his idea of Christian living in general. Philip could have told them if he had been so minded. And this scene could have revealed it to any one who knew the minister and his wife as they really were. That was a sacred scene to husband and wife, something that belonged to them, one of those things which the world did not know and had no business to know.

When the first Sunday of another month had come, Mr. Strong felt quite well again. A rumor of his call to Fairview had gone out, and to the few intimate friends who asked him about it he did not deny, but he said little. The time was precious to him. He plunged into the work with an enthusiasm and a purpose which sprang from his knowledge that he was at last really gaining some influence in the tenement district.

The condition of affairs in that neighborhood was growing worse instead of better. The amount of vice, drunkenness, crime and brutality made his sensitive heart quiver a hundred times a day as he went his way through it all. His study of the whole question led him to the conviction that one of the great needs of the place was a new home life for the people. The tenements were owned and rented by men of wealth and influence. Many of these men were in the church. Discouraged as he had so often been in his endeavor to get the moneyed men of the congregation to consecrate their property to Christian uses, Philip came up to that first Sunday with a new phase of the same great subject which pressed so hard for utterance that he could not keep it back.

As he faced the church this morning he faced an audience composed of very conflicting elements. Representatives of labor were conspicuous in the galleries. People whom he had assisted at one time and another were scattered through the house, mostly in the back seats under the choir gallery. His own membership was represented by men who, while opposed to his idea of the Christian life and his interpretation of Christ, nevertheless continued to go and hear him preach. The incident of the sexton's application for membership and his rejection by vote had also told somewhat in favor of the minister. Many preachers would have resigned after such a scene. He had said his say about it and then refused to speak or be interviewed by the papers on the subject. What it cost him in suffering was his own secret. But this morning, as he rose to give his message in the person of Christ, the thought of the continued suffering and shame and degradation in the tenement district, the thought of the great wealth in the possession of the church which might be used almost to transform the lives of thousands of people if the men of riches in Calvary church would only make the kingdom of God in its demands on them—this voiced his cry to the people and gave his sermon the significance and solemnity of a prophet's inspiration.

"See!" he exclaimed as he went on after drawing a vivid picture of the miserable condition of life in the buildings which could not be called homes, "see what a change could be wrought by the use of a few thousand dollars down there. And here this morning in this house men are sitting who own very many of those tenements, who are getting the rent from them every month, who could, without suffering one single sorrow, without depriving themselves of one necessity or even luxury of life, so change the surroundings of these people that they would enjoy the physical life God gave them and be able to see his love in the lives of his disciples. Oh, my brethren, is not this your opportunity? What is money compared with humanity? What is the meaning of our discipleship unless we are using what God has given us to build up his kingdom? The money represented by this church could rebuild the entire tenement district. The men who own these buildings"— He paused as if he had suddenly become aware that he might be saying an unwise thing. Then, after a brief hesitation, as if he had satisfied his own doubt, he repeated: "The men who own these tenements—and members of other churches besides Calvary are among the owners—are guilty in the sight of God for allowing human beings made in his image to grow up in such horrible surroundings when it is in the power of money to stop it. Therefore they shall receive greater condemnation at the last, when Christ sits on the throne of the universe to judge the world. For will he not say, as he said long years ago, 'I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat, naked and ye clothed me not, sick and in miserable dwellings reeking with filth and disease and ye drew the hire of these places and visited me not?' For are these men and women and children not our brethren? Verily God will require it at our hands, oh, men of Milton, if, having the power to use God's property so as to make the world happier and better, we refuse to do so and go our ways careless of our responsibility and selfish in our use of God's money."

Philip closed his sermon with an account of facts concerning the condition of some of the people he himself had visited. When the service closed, more than one property owner went away secretly enraged at the minister's bold and, as most of them said and thought, "impertinent meddling in their business." Was he wise? And yet he had been to more than one of these men in private with the same message. Did he not have the right to speak in public? Did not Christ do so? Would he not do it if he were here on earth again? And Philip, seeing the great need, seeing the mighty power of money, seeing the indifference of these men to the whole matter, seeing their determination to conduct their business for the gain of it without regard to the condition of life, with his heart sore and his soul indignant at the suffering he had witnessed, came into the church and flung his sword of wrath out of its scabbard, smiting at the very thing dearest of all things to thousands of church members today—the money, the property, the gain of acquisition—and he smote perhaps with a somewhat unwise energy of denunciation, yet with his heart crying out for wisdom with every blow he struck, "Would Christ say it? Would he say it?" And his sensitive, keenly suffering spirit heard the answer, "Yes, I believe he would." Back of that answer he did not go in those days so rapidly drawing to their tremendous close. He bowed the soul of him to his Master and said, "Thy will be done."

The week following this Sunday was one of the busiest Philip had known. With the approach of warmer weather, a great deal of sickness came on. He was going early and late on errands of mercy to the poor souls all about his own house. The people knew him now and loved him. He comforted his spirit with that knowledge as he prayed and worked.

He was going through one of the narrow courts one night on his way home, with his head bent down and his thoughts on some scene of suffering, when he was suddenly confronted by a young man who stepped quickly out from a shadowed corner, threw one arm about Philip's neck and placed his other hand over his mouth and attempted to throw him over backward.

It was very late, and there was no one in sight. Philip said to himself, "This is the attack of which I was warned." He was taken altogether by surprise; but, being active and self possessed, he sharply threw himself forward, repelling his assailant's attack, and succeeded in pulling the man's hand away from his mouth. His first second's instinct was to cry out for help; his next was to keep still. He suddenly felt the other giving way. The strength seemed to be leaving him. Philip, calling up some of his knowledge of wrestling gained while in college, threw his entire weight upon him, and, to his surprise, the man offered no resistance. They both fell heavily upon the ground, the man underneath. He had not spoken, and no one had yet appeared. As the man lay there motionless Philip rose and stood over him. By the dim light that partly illuminated the court from a street lamp farther on he saw that his assailant was stunned. There was a pump not far away. Philip went over and brought some water. After a few moments the man recovered consciousness. He sat up and looked about in a confused manner. Philip stood near by, looking at him thoughtfully.

CHAPTER XIX.

As the man looked up at Philip in a dazed and uncertain manner Philip said slowly:

"You're not hurt badly, I hope. Why did you attack me?"

The man seemed too bewildered to answer. Philip leaned over and put one arm about him to help him rise. He struggled to his feet and almost instantly sat down on the curb at the side of the road, holding his head between his hands. For a moment Philip hesitated. Then he sat down beside him and, after finding out that he was not seriously hurt, succeeded in drawing him into a conversation which grew more and more remarkable as it went on. As he thought back upon it afterward Philip was unable to account exactly for the way in which the confidence between him and his assailant had been brought about. The incident and all that flowed out of it had such a bearing on the crucifixion that it belongs to the whole story.

"Then you say," went on Philip after they had been talking briefly in question and answered for a few minutes—"you say that you meant to rob me, taking me for another man?"

"I had a wife. She's dead—of consumption."

"Yes. I thought you was the mill man. What is his name? Winter?"

"Why did you want to rob him?"

The man looked up and said hoarsely, almost savagely, "Because he has money, and I was hungry."

"How long have you been hungry?"

"I have not had anything to eat for almost three days."

"There is food to be had at the poor commissioners'. Did you know that fact?"

The man did not answer, and Philip asked him again. The reply came in a tone of bitter emphasis that made the minister start:

"Yes; I knew it! I would starve before I would go to the poor commissioners for food."

"Or steal?" asked Philip gently.

"Yes, or steal. Wouldn't you?"

Philip stared out into the darkness of the court and answered honestly, "I don't know."

There was a short pause. Then he asked:

"Can't you get work?"

It was a hopeless question to put to a man in a town of over 2,000 idle men. The answer was what he knew it would be:

"Work! Can I pick up a bushel of gold in the street out there? Can a man get work where there ain't any?"

"What have you been doing?"

"I was fireman at the Lake mills. Good job; lost it when they closed down last winter."

"What have you been doing since?"

"Anything I could get."

"Are you a married man?"

The question affected the other strangely. He trembled all over, put his head between his knees, and out of his heart's anguish flowed the words: "I had a wife. She's dead—of consumption. I had a little girl. She's dead too. Thank God!" exclaimed the man, with a change from a sob to a curse. "Thank God! And curses on all rich men who had it in their power to prevent the hell on earth for other people, and which they will feel for themselves in the other world!"

Philip did not say anything for some time. What could any man say to another at once under such circumstances? Finally he said:

"What will you do with money if I give you some?"

"I don't want your money," replied the man.

"I thought you did a little while ago."

"It was the mill owner's money I wanted. You're the preacher, ain't you, up at Calvary church?"

"Yes. How did you know?"

"I've seen you; heard you preach once. I never thought I should come to this—holding up a preacher down here!" And the man laughed a hard, short laugh.

"Then you're not"— Philip hardly knew how to say it. He wanted to say that the man was not connected in any way with the saloon element. "You're driven to this desperate course on your own account? The reason I ask is because I have been threatened by the whisky men, and at first I supposed you were one of their men."

"No, sir," was the answer, almost in disgust. "I may be pretty bad, but I've not got so low as that."

"Then your only motive was hunger?"

"That was all. Enough, ain't it?"

"We can't discuss the matter here," said Philip. He hesitated, rose and stood there looking at the man, who sat now with his head resting on his arms, which were folded across his knees. Two or three persons came out of a street near by and walked past. Philip knew them and said good evening. They thought he was helping some drunken man, a thing he had often done, and they went along without stopping. Again the street was deserted.

"What will you do now? Where will you go?"

"God knows. I am an outcast on his earth!"

"Have you no home?"

"Home! Yes; the gutter, the street, the bottom of the river."

"My brother!" Philip laid his hand on the man's shoulder. "Come home with me, have something to eat, and stay with me for awhile."

It was all said so calmly, so lovingly, so honestly, that the man softened under it. A tear rolled over his cheek. He brushed his hand over his eyes. It had been a long time since any one had called him "brother."

"Come!" Philip reached out his hand and helped him to rise. The man staggered and might have fallen if Philip had not supported him. "I am faint and dizzy," he said.

"Courage, man! My home is not far off. We shall soon be there." His companion was silent. As they came up to the door Philip said, "I haven't asked your name, but it might save a little awkwardness if I knew it."

"William ——." Philip did not hear the last name, it was spoken in such a low voice.

Mrs. Strong at once set food upon the table, and then she and Philip with true delicacy busied themselves in another room so as not to watch the hungry man while he ate. When he had satisfied his hunger, Philip showed him the little room where the "Brother Man" had staid one night.

"You may make it your own as long as you will," Philip said. "You may look upon it as simply a part of what has been given us to be used for the Father's children."

The man seemed dazed by the result of his encounter with the preacher. He murmured something about thanks. He was evidently very much worn, and the excitement of the evening had given place to an appearance of dejection that alarmed Philip. After a few words he went out and left the man, who said that he felt very drowsy.

"I believe he is going to have a fever or something," Mr. Strong said to his wife as he joined her in the other room. He related his meeting with the man, making very light of the attack and indeed excusing it on the ground of his desperate condition.

His fear was realized. The next morning he found his lodger in the clutch of fever. Before night he was delirious. The doctor came and pronounced him dangerously ill. And Philip, with the burden of his work weighing heavier on him every moment, took up this additional load and prayed his Lord to give him strength to carry it and save another soul.

It was at the time of this event in Mr. Strong's life that another occurred which had its special bearing upon the crisis of all his life.

The church was dear to his thought, loved by him with a love that only very few of the members understood. In spite of his apparent failure to rouse them to a conception of their duty as he saw it, he was confident that the spirit of God would accomplish the miracle which he could not do. Then there were those in Calvary church who sympathized heartily with him and were ready to follow his leadership.

So he began to plan for a series of Sunday night services different from anything Milton had ever known. His life in the tenement district and his growing knowledge of the labor world had convinced him of the fact that the church was missing its opportunity in not grappling with the problem as it existed in Milton. It seemed to him that the first step to a successful solution of that problem was for the church and the workingman to get together upon some common platform for a better understanding. He accordingly planned for a series of Sunday night services, in which his one great purpose was to unite the church and the labor unions in a scheme of mutual helpfulness. His plan was very simple. He invited into the meeting one or two thoughtful leaders of the mill men and asked them to state in the plainest terms the exact condition of affairs in the labor world from their standpoint. Then he, for the church, took up their statements, their complaints or the reasons for their differences with capital and answered them from the Christian standpoint—what would Christ advise under the circumstances? He had different subjects presented on different evenings. One night it was reasons why the mill men were not in the church. Another night it was the demand of men for better houses and how to get them. Another night it was the subject of strikes and the attitude of Christ on wages and the relative value of the wage earners' product and the capitalists' intelligence. At each meeting he allowed one or two of the invited leaders to take the platform and say very plainly what to his mind was the cause and what the remedy for the poverty and crime and suffering of the world. Then he closed the evening's discussion by a calm, clear statement of what was to him the direct application of Jesus' teaching to the point at issue.

CHAPTER XX.

We cannot do better than give the evening paper account of the last service in the series. With one or two slight exaggerations the account was a faithful picture of one of the most remarkable meetings ever held in Milton:

"Last night, it will be safe to say, those who were fortunate enough to secure standing room in Rev. Philip Strong's church heard and saw things that no other church in this town ever witnessed.

"In the first place, it was a most astonishing crowd of people. Several of the church members were present, but they were in the minority. The mill men swarmed in and took possession. It is not exactly correct to say that they lounged on the easy cushioned pews of the Calvary church, for there was not room enough to lounge, but they filled up the sanctuary and seemed to enjoy the comfortable luxury of it.

"The subject of the evening was 'Wealth,' and the president of the trades assembly of Milton made a statement of the view which workingmen in general have of wealth as related to labor of hand or brain. He stated what to his mind was the reason for the discontent of so many at the sight of great numbers of rich men in times of suffering or sickness or lack of work. 'Why, just look at the condition of things here and in every large city all over the world,' he said. 'Men are suffering from the lack of common necessaries while men of means with money in the bank continue to live just as luxuriously and spend just as much as they ever did for things not needful for happiness. It has been in the power of men of wealth in Milton to prevent almost if not all of the suffering here last winter and spring. It has been in their power to see that the tenements were better built and arranged for health and decency. It has been in their power to do a thousand things that money, and money alone, can do, and I believe they will be held to account for not doing some of those things!'

"At this point some one in the gallery shouted out, 'Hang the aristocrats!' Instantly Rev. Mr. Strong rose and stepped to the front of the platform. Raising his long, sinewy arm and stretching out his open hand in appeal, he said, while the great audience was perfectly quiet: 'I will not allow any such disturbance at this meeting. We are here, not to denounce people, but to find the truth. Let every fair minded man bear that in mind.'

"The preacher sat down, and the audience cheered.

"The president of the trades assembly resumed the discussion, closing with the statement that never in the history of the country had there been so much money in the banks and so little of it in the pockets of the people, and when that was a fact something was wrong, and it was for the men who owned the money to right that wrong, for it lay in their power, not with the poor man.

"He was followed by a very clear and intensely interesting talk by Rev. Mr. Strong on the Christian teaching concerning the wealth of the world. Several times he was interrupted by applause, once with hisses, several times with questions. He was hissed when he spoke of the great selfishness of labor unions and trades organizations in their attempts to dictate to other men in the matter of work. With this one exception, in which the reverend gentleman spoke with his usual frankness, the audience cheered his presentation of the subject and was evidently in perfect sympathy with his views. Short extracts from his talk will show the drift of his entire belief on this subject:

"'Every dollar that a man has should be spent to the glory of God.

"'The teaching of Christianity about wealth is the same as about anything else. It all belongs to God and should be used by the man as God would use it in the man's place.

"'The accumulation of vast sums of money by individuals or classes of men has always been a bad thing for society. A few very rich men and a great number of very poor men are what gave the world the French revolution and the guillotine.

"'There are certain conditions true of society at certain times when it is the Christian duty of the rich to use every cent they possess to relieve the need of society. Such a condition faces us today.

"'The foolish and unnecessary expenditures of society on its trivial pleasures at a time when men and women are out of work and children are crying for food is a cruel and unChristian waste of opportunity.

"'If Christ were here today, I believe he would tell the rich men of Milton that every cent they have belongs to Almighty God, and they are only trustees of his property.

"'The church that thinks more of fine architecture and paid choirs than of opening its doors to the people that they may hear the gospel is a church that is mortgaged for all it is worth to the devil, who will foreclose at the first opportunity.

"'The first duty of every man who has money is to ask himself, What would Christ have me do with it? The second duty is to go and do it after hearing the answer.

"'If the money owned by church members were all spent to the glory of God, there would be fewer hundred thousand dollar churches built and more model tenements.

"'If Christ had been a millionaire, he would have used his money to build up character in other people rather than build a magnificent brownstone palace for himself. But we cannot imagine Christ as a millionaire.

"'It is as true now as when Paul said it nearly 20 centuries ago, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." It is the curse of our civilization, the greatest god of the human race today.

"'Our civilization is only partly Christian, for Christian civilization means more comforts; ours means more wants.

"'If a man's pocketbook is not converted with his soul, the man will not get into heaven with it.

"'There are certain things that money alone can secure, but among those things it cannot buy is character.

"'All wealth from the Christian standpoint is in the nature of trust funds, to be so used as the administrator, God, shall direct. No man owns the money for himself. The gold is God's; the silver is God's. That is the plain and repeated teaching of the Bible.

"'It is not wrong for a man to make money. It is wrong for him to use it selfishly or foolishly.

"'The consecrated wealth of the men of Milton could provide work for every idle man in town. The Christian use of the wealth of the world would make impossible the cry for bread.

"'Most of the evils of our present condition flow out of the love of money. The almighty dollar is the god of Protestant America.

"'If men loved men as eagerly as they love money, the millennium would be just around the corner.

"'Wealth is a curse unless the owner of it blesses the world with it.

"'"If any man hath the world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

"'Christian socialism teaches a man to bear other people's burdens. The very first principle of Christian socialism is unselfishness.

"'We shall never see a better condition of affairs in this country until the men of wealth realize their responsibility and privilege.

"'Christ never said anything against the poor. He did speak some tremendous warnings in the face of the selfish rich.

"'The only safe thing for a man of wealth to do is to ask himself, What would Christ do with my money if he had it?'

"It would be impossible to describe the effect of the Rev. Mr. Strong's talk upon the audience. Once the applause was so long continued that it was a full minute before he could go on. When he finally closed with a tremendous appeal to the wealth of Milton to use its power for the good of the place, for the tearing down and remodeling of the tenements, for the solution of the problem of no work for thousands of desperate men, the audience rose to its feet and cheered again and again.

"At the close of the meeting the minister was surrounded by a crowd of men, and an after meeting was held, at which steps were taken to form a committee composed of prominent church people and labor leaders to work, if possible, together toward a common end.

"It was rumored yesterday that several of the leading members of Calvary church are very much dissatisfied with the way things have been going during these Sunday evening meetings and are likely to withdraw if they continue. They say that Mr. Strong's utterances are socialistic and tend to inflame the minds of the people to acts of violence. Since the attack on Mr. Winter nearly every mill owner in town goes armed and takes extra precautions. Mr. Strong was much pleased with the result of the Sunday night meetings and said they had done much to bridge the gulf between the church and the people. He refused to credit the talk about disaffection in Calvary church."

In another column of this same paper were five separate accounts of the desperate condition of affairs in the town. The midnight hold up attacks were growing in frequency and in boldness. Along with all the rest the sickness in the tenement district had assumed the nature of an epidemic of fever, clearly caused by the lack of sanitary regulations, imperfect drainage and crowding of families. Clearly the condition of matters was growing serious.

At this time the ministers of different churches in Milton held a meeting to determine on a course of action that would relieve some of the distress. Various plans were submitted. Some proposed districting the town to ascertain the number of needy families. Others proposed a union of benevolent offerings to be given the poor. Another group suggested something else. To Philip's mind not one of the plans submitted went to the root of the matter. He was not popular with the other ministers. Most of them thought he was sensational. However, he made a plea for his own plan, which was radical and as he believed went to the real heart of the subject. He proposed that every church in town, regardless of its denomination, give itself in its pastor and members to the practical solution of the social troubles by personal contact with the suffering and sickness in the district; that the churches all throw open their doors every day in the week, weekdays as well as Sundays, for the discussion and agitation of the whole matter; that the country and the state be petitioned to take speedy action toward providing necessary labor for the unemployed, and that the churches cut down all unnecessary expenses of paid choirs, do away with pew rents, urge wealthy members to consecrate their riches to the solving of the problem and in every way, by personal sacrifice and common union, let the churches of Milton as a unit work and pray and sacrifice to make themselves felt as a real power on the side of the people in their present great need. It was Christian America, but Philip's plan was not adopted. It was discussed with some warmth, but declared to be visionary, impracticable, unnecessary, not for the church to undertake, beyond its function, etc. Philip [illegible], but he kept his temper.

"Well, brethren," he said, "what can we do to help the solution of these questions? Is the church of America to have no share in the greatest problem of human life that agitates the world today? Is it not true that the people in this town regard the church as an insignificant organization, unable to help at the very point of human crisis, and the preachers as a lot of weak, impractical men, with no knowledge of the real state of affairs? Are we not divided over our denominational differences when we ought to be united in one common work for the saving of the whole man? I do not have any faith in the plan proposed to give our benevolence or to district the town and visit the poor. All those things are well enough in their place. But matters are in such shape here now and all over the country that we must do something larger than that. We must do as Christ would do if he were here. What would he do? Would he give anything less than his whole life to it? Would he not give himself? The church as an institution is facing the greatest opportunity it ever saw. If we do not seize it on the largest possible scale, we shall miserably fail of doing our duty."

Saturday night he was out calling a little while, but he came home early. It was the first Sunday of the month on the morrow, and he had not fully prepared his sermon. He was behind with it. As he came in his wife met him with a look of news on her face.

"Guess who is here?" she said in a whisper.

"The Brother Man," replied Philip quickly.

"Yes, but you never can guess what has happened. He is in there with William. And the Brother Man—Philip, it seems like a chapter out of a novel—the Brother Man has discovered that William is his only son, who cursed his father and deserted him when he gave away his property. They are in there together. I could not keep the Brother Man out."

Philip and Sarah stepped to the door of the little room, which was open, and looked in.

The Brother Man was kneeling at the side of the bed praying, and his son was listening, with one hand tight clasped in his father's and the tears rolling over his pale face.

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THE SEASICK IRISHMAN.

Capt Reid, of the United States transport Sherman, has been running between San Francisco and Manila with troops for over a year. He has had some funny experiences, and in a letter to his father, in Pittsburg, lately, told the following story of an Irish recruit who was going over to join the 4th cavalry. The big trooper had got outside the Farallones on her voyage west, when she began to feel the heave of the Pacific. Of course, most of the soldiers became seasick, and the majority of them were hanging over the rail in various stages of dejection. The Irish recruit held out as long as possible, but he soon felt a few premonitory qualms and began paying tribute to Neptune, like the others.

The captain in charge of the draft was passing along the deck, putting a kind word here and a sentence of encouragement there. He came to "Mike" and, stopping beside him, said:—

"You are pretty bad, my lad."

"Oi am," said the soldier, trying to stand at attention and salute his superior, "an' Oi suppose th' docthor can't do annythin' fur me?"

"I'm afraid not. Poor fellow, you have a weak stomach."

The Irishman bristled up as this in indignation.

"Oi don't know about thot," he gasped. "Oi notice Oi'm throwin' as far as annyav th' rist av thim."—From the *Pittsburg News*.

IT WAS TOO SOON.

"Well, mum," said the cook as she entered the parlor with her bundle in hand, "I must be after going away this mornin'."

"What do you mean? Why are you going?" asked her astonished mistress.

"I am going to be married next week."

"But surely, Bridget, you won't leave me so suddenly? You must ask him to wait a few days."

"Oh, I couldn't mum."

"Why not, pray?"

"Sure, mum, I'd like to oblige you, but I don't feel well enough acquainted with him to ask such a thing."—*Washington Post*.

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RETURNING—Leave Boston 8.10 a. m.; 1.35, 4.00 p. m. Sundays, 1.15 p. m.

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RETURNING—Leave Worcester 9.05 a. m.; 2.30, 4.58 p. m.

FOR Oakdale, Hudson and Waltham—6 49, 9.00 a. m.; 3.16 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

FOR Gilbertville, Barre and Cold Brook—6 49, 9.00 a. m.; 3.16 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

TRAINS leave Bondsville for Ware and points east at 6.33, 8.46 a. m.; 3.02 p. m., (7.00 p. m. Ware only). Sundays 6.38 a. m.

RETURNING trains same as for Ware.

WEST BOUND.

FOR Bondsville, Belchertown, Pansy Park, Amherst, Hadley and Northampton, 6.52, 10.57 a. m.; 4 28, 5.47 p. m. Sundays, 4.31 p. m.

RETURNING—Leave Northampton 5.50, 8.00 a. m.; 2.15, 6.00 p. m. Sundays, 5.55 a. m.

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The Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company has petitioned the selectmen of Ware for a franchise to build in that town, over the route from Forest Lake to the railroad station in Ware. The petition has been in the hands of the Ware selectmen for several days, but no time has yet been set for the hearing. Should a franchise be granted it is the intention of the company to push the work as rapidly as possible and to have the line in operation in time to catch at least a portion of the warm weather business.

It is understood that the reason for the company's application at this time, after being refused a franchise last fall, was an intimation from Ware that no obstacles were likely to be imposed if an application were made now with the intention of constructing the road. Ware people want the road, and are likely to keep at it until they get it. The *Ware River News* perpetrated a good joke yesterday when it said that "Those who remember how Palmer turned down Ware last fall are a little slow about giving the Palmer company a boost now." The fact of the matter is, that had the Palmer company been given a franchise then the cars would have been running to Ware months ago, giving the people of that town what they so much desire.

BASEBALL AT WILBRAHAM.

Wesleyan Academy 17—Thorndike Picked Nine 1.

A picked nine from Thorndike was defeated by the Wesleyan Academy ball team Monday afternoon by the score of 17 to 1, and the Springfield papers on Tuesday credited the nine representing the Palmer high school. The so-called Palmers included only two men of the regular high school team. A game had been arranged for Monday by Manager Brainerd of the high school nine, but was canceled by him last week, owing to inability to get the men together during the Easter vacation. This picked team was secured to fill the date, and through some misunderstanding was called the high school nine.

The game was a complete walkover for the Wesleyans, who made 11 tallies in the first three innings. Chaffee, captain of the Academy team, played a good game and kept his team well in his hand, so that the whole nine played a snappy game. Coote, who was on the rubber for Wesleyan, pitched in excellent form, striking out 14 men and only allowing two singles to be made off his delivery. Riley of Thorndike was batted for 19 hits, with a total of 20. The following is the score by innings,

Innings,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Wesleyan,	4	4	3	1	0	0	0	4	1	—17
Palmer High,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	— 1

Ruggles--Bates Wedding at Three Rivers.

A pretty home wedding took place at the Wenimisset Wednesday afternoon, when Nellie Bernice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Ruggles, was married to Arthur E. Bates of Monson, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Charles Olmstead in the presence of about 25 guests, mostly near relatives. The bride wore a traveling gown of seal brown ladies' cloth, and carried a shower bouquet of nineteen bride roses. The bride and groom were attended by Harriet and Walter Ruggles, sister and brother of the bride. The rooms were attractively decorated with Easter lilies, roses and hyacinths, the ceremony taking place under a large bell of evergreen and lilies. Among the guests from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bates of Monson, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin G. Ward and J. King Knox of Springfield, and Miss Etta I. Ruggles of Union, H. H. The gifts were numerous, and consisted of silver, cut glass, pictures, etc. After a wedding supper Mr. and Mrs. Bates left for a short wedding trip. They will be at home at the Wenimisset after May 1.

Runaway Accident at Warren.

John Sterling, the 18-years-old son of James Sterling, was the victim of a runaway accident at Warren Saturday evening about 7 o'clock. The horse became frightened at an electric car about a mile out of Warren, on the West Warren road, and started on the run. The carriage was overturned and the young man was thrown out by the side of the road. He was taken to his home in Warren. The youth is a cripple, having been hurt in an accident at West Springfield several years ago. He has had spinal trouble, and it is feared by the attending physician that the trouble of the spine has been aggravated, as he has suffered severe pains in the back. Otherwise he was not seriously injured. The horse ran through the village of Warren and was stopped about a mile out on East street, near the home of Harry Potter. The carriage was wrecked near the place where the driver was thrown out.

Delegates to State and Congressional Conventions.

These delegates have been chosen for the state and congressional conventions, which in turn will send delegates to the national convention:

Palmer—State, F. A. Upham, B. A. Alexander, H. W. McGregory, C. E. Fuller, C. F. Mooers; congressional, E. F. Shaw, H. G. Loomis, G. S. Holden, E. E. Kendall, C. D. Holden

Ware—State, L. N. Gibert, H. K. Hyde, G. E. Tucker, A. Bryson; congressional, E. E. Howard, F. Hills, C. E Stevens, F. M. Sibley.

Warren—State, W. H. Fairbanks, G. Bliss, G. E. Tarbell; congressional, W. L. Curtis, C. B. Blair, W. E. Patrick.

Hampden—State, J. L. Weeks; congressional, M. H. Warren.

Monson—State, S. F. Cushman, G. E. Fuller, C. M. Gage, S. F. Cushman Jr.; congressional, L. C. Flynt, G. L. Keeney, C. W. King, W. L. Ricketts.

Wilbraham—State, Rev. W. R. Newhall, W. H. Day; congressional, E. W. Scott, G. L. Russell.

Belchertown—State, F. D. Walker, D. R. Ward, F. M. Stebbins; congressional, J. W. Jackson, M. S. Barton, F. E. Burnett.

Thorndike Child Badly Burned.

George, the 15-months-old old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchinson of Commercial street, was badly burned Friday morning by falling upon a hot stove. Mrs. Hutchinson left the child seated in a high chair in the kitchen and went into an adjoining room; she had been absent scarcely a minute when she heard the little one crying, and returning to the kitchen found that the high chair had tipped over, throwing the child upon the stove, where it lay with its chin upon the hearth. It was found that his left hand and chin were badly blistered. Dr. J. P. Schneider of Palmer was called and soon relieved the little sufferer, who has now nearly fully recovered.

Funeral of H. P. Holden.

The funeral of Henry P. Holden was held at his late home on North Main street Sunday afternoon at 2.30. Rev. F. B. Harrison of the Congregational church officiated, and a quartet composed of Mrs. A. D. Norcross and C. F. Orcutt of Monson, and Mrs. Lucy Flynt and H. W. McGregory sang. The bearers were his brothers, C. L. and D. F. Holden, his sons, George S. and Henry L. Holden, and his nephews, Charles D. and Arthur Holden. The interment was in the cemetery on Thorndike street. There were many beautiful floral tributes, tokens of the esteem in which the deceased was held by his relatives and friends. An unusually large number of the townspeople were present to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased.

May Breakfast.

The annual May breakfast and dinner of the Ladies' Society of the Congregational church will be held on Tuesday, May 1. This is conceded to be one of the leading events in the church social line and is the supreme effort of the ladies. This year's affair will follow in the usual style of those that have been given previously, and the following have been chosen to have charge: Director of the kitchen, Mrs. J. A. Palmer; director of the dining room, Mrs. A. T. Wing; director of the dessert room, Mrs. L. M. Shaw; director of the glass room, Mrs. S. J. Ramsden; director of dishes, Mrs. G. H. Fisherdick; director of food, Mrs. W. H. Hitchcock; printing, Mrs. J. C. Wing and Mrs. L. E. Chandler.

WELL KNOWN CITIZENS DEAD.

G. H. Streeter of Brimfield, Miss Sarah Bradford of Monson.

BOTH WILL BE SINCERELY MOURNED.

Mr. Streeter Prominent in Town Affairs, Miss Bradford Well Known as an Educator.

A sad loss has fallen upon Brimfield in the death of George H. Streeter last Friday. Although he was but 35 years of age, Mr. Streeter had held for a long time various offices of trust and responsibility in church and in town affairs. At the time of his death he had been clerk of the parish for about 10 years and deacon of the church for three years, besides having been superintendent of the Sunday school for a long time. He had been town assessor for a number of years, to which office he was reelected at the recent town meeting, and he was master of the local Grange. He had previously served on the school committee for more than one term of office. Mr. Streeter was present at town meeting the 2d, but was then feeling ill with a severe cold, and he drove to the village for the last time on the following Wednesday. The serious nature of the attack of grippe from which he was suffering was early manifested, especially as he did not possess a robust constitution. As his recovery was doubtful from the first there was much anxiety and suspense in the town during his illness of about ten days.

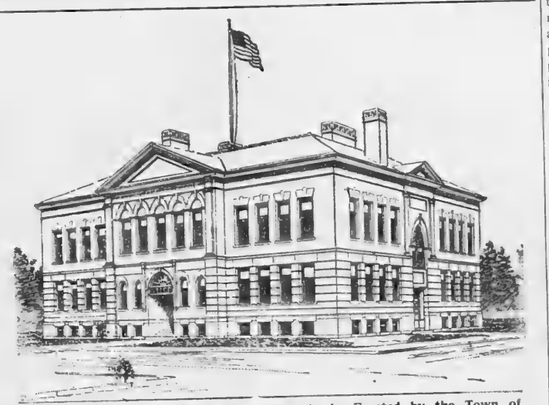
George H. Streeter was born in Rowe Dec. 25, 1864. He attended Ames Academy and taught school in Shelburn and Heath before going to Brimfield to attend the Hitchcock Free Academy. He was graduated from the latter institution in the class of 1887. The following year he was married to Miss Martha Stone, for some time teacher of the Center grammar school. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Streeter had lived on the large farm of the late Elisha Marsh, where Mrs. Streeter's home had been since her childhood. Mr. Streeter became a good citizen as well as an efficient farmer. He was a kind neighbor and friend, and always ready to help in the work of the church and town. Though he had a social disposition, he was modest and retiring, and not by nature a leader. But the reliability and integrity which were marked traits of his character brought him the trust and confidence of his fellow citizens, as seen in the offices he was called upon to fill. He leaves a widow and two young sons, Robert and Charles; also a mother, Mrs. James Streeter of Rowe, a brother Edwin M. of Berkardston, and three sisters, Mrs. Bertha M. Nelson of Winchester, N. H., Mrs. Nellie J. Stanford of Shelburne Falls, and Miss Rose Streeter, for the past two years a student at Mt. Holyoke College.

The funeral was held at the church Monday afternoon. There was a large attendance, people being present from Warren and Sturbridge, and friends from more distant places. Rev. Sylvanus Hayward of Globe Village preached the funeral discourse, and Rev. Mr. Bissell offered prayer. The members of the local Grange sat in a body in the church, and the Grange burial service was used at the grave. There were choice floral tributes. The Grange gave a beautiful wreath, the Christian Endeavor society Easter lilies, and the Sunday school gave 35 roses. The platform of the church was decorated with potted plants. Each member of the Grange dropped a flower upon the casket after it was lowered into the grave, daffodils and tulips being selected.

Miss Sarah E. Bradford died at her home in Monson last Saturday afternoon. The news was a great shock to the community, as few realized the seriousness of her condition. She was taken with the grippe Sunday morning, and grew rapidly worse. On Tuesday erysipelas developed. Later in the week she was reported more comfortable, so her death was a surprise to most people. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, Rev. F. S. Hatch conducting the services. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Norcross sang. Burial was in the Main street cemetery. The bearers were C. M. Gage, E. D. Cushman, G. H. Foskit, C. E. Smith, M. L. Miller, Dr. P. W. Soule.

Miss Bradford was the daughter of Otis and Fanny (Gates) Bradford, and was a direct descendent of Gov. Bradford of the Mayflower colony. Her Grandfather Gates was one of Monson's earliest manufacturers, and the family has been one of the best known in the town. Miss Bradford was born in Leverett, but came to Monson with her parents in 1889, where they assumed the charge of the Academy boarding, and from that time on until within a few years the Bradford home has been a students' home. The Japanese who came to Monson to be educated lived there and were taught by Miss Bradford and her sister Miss Anna, who died about 19 years ago. A number of men have become eminent who have lived in this family, and their letters to Mrs. Bradford and her daughters are full of kindly regards and appreciation. Miss Bradford's life was one of self-sacrifice, and care for others. She was a member of the Congregational church from young womanhood. A friend has written thus of her:

The Bradford house ever since (1839) has been in Monson a synonym for generous hospitality. Many Academy students found in it a true home and looked upon Mrs. Bradford and her daughter as mother and sister. Rev. James Tufts wrote to the mother upon her 100th anniversary: "Your house has been a blessed home for all the years I have known you, and may the Lord bless you to the last." Helpfulness and hospitality were fixed principles in the Bradford family. Pinned to the mantel in Miss Bradford's dining-room at the time of her death was this quotation, grown dingy and yellow with age, which she had long adopted as her golden rule of practice: "I shall pass this way but once, if therefore there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do to my fellow-human beings, let me do it now; let me not defer it nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." Her devotion to the mother, who through the untiring watchfulness and ministrations of her daughter passed the century mark, is known to all. Her devotion since to an invalid cousin, supplying him with a hospital and a home, is also known. Seldom has there been a time when some lone or unfortunate person has not been enroled in the Bradford family. Nor were her charities confined to her own household. With rare tact she assisted the needy who came in her way, and said nothing. She always contributed liberally to the church and did what she could to send the gospel into foreign lands. Scholarly in her tastes, she spent much time in reading and meditation, and often enlivened social occasions with original productions in verse.


New $30,000 11-room Brick Schoolhouse, to be Erected by the Town of Palmer in the Depot Village.

Columbian Band's Bazar.

The Columbian Band Bazar opened at Union Hall, Thorndike, Wednesday evening with a concert by the band, assisted by Prof. Thomas V. Short of Springfield. The cornet solo, "Jennie Jones," by Mr. Short was rendered in fine style and he was obliged to respond to an encore. Dancing followed. The grand march was led by Martin F. Hurley and Miss Nellie Flynn, followed by about 75 couples. The floor was in charge of William Laplante; Prof. N. J. Comfort called the changes and O'Keefe's orchestra of Thorndike furnished music. Last evening's program consisted of vocal solos by Thomas L Chapman and Miss Sadie O'Keefe, violin solo by J. J. Kelley, and a flag drill by 18 little girls under the direction of Mrs. James Clark, followed by tableaux. To-night's program will consist of readings by William C. Reilly, piano solos by Miss May Wilder of Palmer and Miss Alice Clark of Thorndike, vocal solos by Miss Zefie Fortier, and a cake walk by Misses Murphy and Daley. To-morrow evening's program will be given by the band, at which time Prof. Short will render a cornet solo, "The Sword of Bunker Hill." Dancing will be in order each evening. The hall is tastefully decorated with bunting, and from the center of the hall is hung a large bass drum. The decorating was done by William C. Reilly of Thornkike. The attendance so far has been such as would indicate a most successful event financially and otherwise.

Convenience for Postage Stamp Users.

Postmaster W. A. Shaw expects to be able by the first of May to have an article in the stamp line which will be of the utmost convenience to the business men and other patrons of the local post office. The government is getting out sets of stamps in book form, each book including 12, 24 or 48 stamps. The stamps are made so they are perforated, being perforated so that they can be torn off easily. Between each page of stamps there is an oiled page, which prevents the stamps from sticking together. One cent additional will be charged for the stamps put up in this fashion, thus making a book of twelve two-cent stamps cost 25 instead of 24 cents. This method of putting up stamps will fill a long-felt need and will be very convenient and handy for the public. Mr. Shaw placed his order as soon as it was possible, so that he would be one of the first postmasters to be able to supply his patrons with them. No order could be sent in before the fifteenth of this month.

Store Burglarized at Ludlow.

The store of A. H. Halford near the railway station at Ludlow was burglarized Tuesday evening and the whole stock of guns, revolvers and ammunition was taken. The stolen goods included seven guns, seven revolvers, and 45 boxes of cartridges in different sizes. This makes the fourth time within two years that this store has been broken into, though the amount taken at previous times was small compared to this haul. The guns and revolvers taken are valued at $200, and a suitable reward will be given to anyone furnishing information which will lead to the recovery of the goods or the detection of the thief.

Assaulted With a Knife.

Joseph Bordeaux of Thorndike assaulted Michael Holden on Friday afternoon with a knife, inflicting a bad cut over the right eye which required four stitches to close. Bordeaux had some words with Holden, and before the latter was aware of it struck him, knocking him down, and possibly would have injured him fatally had not someone interfered. A warrant was issued for Bordeaux, but he left town before it could be served. Bordeaux is considered a hard character, always striking when least expected.

$8000 More for State Road.

Palmer is fortunate in getting another appropriation for state road, this time $8000, and is the only town in Hampden county which gets a slice. The award was made last week. This will build a mile or more of road, which will in all probability be added to the strip already built at the east end of Park street.

Attempted Suicide.

John Fuller, an inmate of the town farm at Palmer, was missed Wednesday, and when found about 10 in the evening was hanging by the neck from some crossed limbs in the Catholic cemetery near Thorndike, with evident suicidal intent. He had not been there long and was not seriously hurt.

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

BOSTON, April 18, 1900.

The great matter before the Legislature, as it was at the beginning of the session, is the proposed lease of the Boston and Albany railroad to the New York Central. Strong opposition has gained in strength as the hearings have advanced, and the advocates of the lease realize that they have a hard contest before them. As yet nothing has developed to show the standing of the Senate or the House. It is said in behalf of the Boston and Albany railroad that it is not using any lobby influence to push the lease through. It has its one regularly registered legislative agent, George H. Fernald, who is employed by it year after year, but there is no evidence yet that other agents have been hired. Samuel Hoar, counsel for the road, said in the hearing this forenoon that the New York Central is not in the position of a petitioner at all. It has not asked the Legislature to ratify the lease, nor does it have any hand in this legislation. There is a strong business element which is making a sturdy fight against the lease in the interest of the business of Boston. They fear what would happen if the state were practically at the mercy of the Central road, a foreign corporation. Evidence is seen, also, that there is a growing popular interest, and it looks as if a strong effort would be made to secure the passage of a referendum amendment to the bill, if one should be reported in favor of the lease. So much time has been spent by the committee on the matter that it is probable that Senate and House will also require a great deal of time to dispose of the question, which is the greatest the Legislature has had for years.

The House has passed one bill which establishes an important precedent for Massachusetts, though it is not certain that the Senate will pass it, as the committee on cities reported unanimously against it. It is a bill which permits the people of Newburyport to elect the president of their board of aldermen. It is the custom in Massachusetts, as it is in most cities in the United States, and for legislative bodies, for the members of the bodies to elect their own chairman. There are certain exceptions. The Senate of the United States does not elect its presiding officer. Several cities in New York state have charter provisions whereby the president of the aldermen is elected by popular vote. It is really a great innovation and may lead to further development of popular power. From my long observation at the state house, seeing the influences which elect speakers and presidents and the way in which those officers have used their power, I am satisfied that, in spite of all the reasonable objections to trusting the people with such great power, it would be better for our state if the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House were elected by popular vote, the same as the governor is. It is a very broad and complicated question and cannot be discussed in narrow compass, but these two officers are of more importance than the governor, and the people have need of better protection of their rights and interests. It is not a small matter, then, that the House has passed this bill to permit Newburyport to elect the president of its aldermen. It is to be hoped that the Senate, also, will pass the bill.

Under the surface there is much interest in the gysy moth fight. A new turn has been given to the situation by the reporting by the committee on agriculture of a bill making the regular appropriation of $200,000 for continuing the extermination of the moth. As one of the committee tells the story, this was a sort of half afterthought. They were not certain what policy to pursue. The special investigating committee had made its report, dealing merely with the state board of agriculture. The committee on ways and means was considering the bill appropriating $40,000 from the state treasury to help the cities and towns. The committee on agriculture had not acted on the report for the state board in which it told of the gypsy moth work. What should be the report? Some said that of course it must be no legislation necessary, since the other committees had the gypsy moth matter. But said that legislation was necessary. Then what? The regular appropriation, of course. So it struck them a happy thought and they voted promptly to report the bill. They are unanimous and feel strongly about the matter, too. Their opposition is said to be working hard upon the members, while the officials are handicapped by the proprieties of office, which injure them if they work as their opponents do. It is said that the report of the special committee, being written in an evident partisan spirit and not at all in a judicial frame of mind, has helped the state board more than it has hurt it, in spite of the relentless criticism which was poured out upon the men and methods of the exterminating policy. This will be one of the hotly-contested measures later in the session.

The annual effort for the abolition of the death penalty has more support in the judiciary committee this year than usual, for a majority of the committee has reported a bill to abolish capital punishment for murder. The bill fixes two degrees of murder, first and second, but it is to be left to the jury in each case to determine whether the particular offense is of the first or second degree. Conviction of murder in the first degree is to be followed by sentence to the state prison for life. But, in order that justice may be done to innocent persons, provision is made for an appeal whereby a person who is thus convicted may have his case reopened. One senator and five representatives dissent from the report, hence it is certain that there will be a lively debate upon the matter. Every effort thus far to abolish the death penalty has been defeated by a decided majority in the Legislature, and it does not yet appear that there will be any change this year.

The House, this afternoon, heard an interesting debate upon the proposition to amend our laws relating to jury trial so that a verdict in civil cases may be rendered by less than a unanimous vote of the jury. The amendment which was proposed by Mr. Manning of Worcester was that any number as large as three-fourths of the jury might be fixed by law. He made a most interesting argument for the change, telling how justice is defeated by prejudiced, ignorant or corrupt jurymen, and how impossible it would be to do business were complete unanimity required in city governments or in legislative chambers. He was opposed by the conservatism of the House and a majority voted against him, though they did not answer his arguments.

The committees on counties reported in the Senate unanimously this afternoon against the petition for the removal of the registry of deeds from Plymouth to Brockton. This was a strong effort on the part of the enterprising young city to take from the traditional county seat a considerable share of its business. Pretty much all of the county rallied to the support of the historic old town and the case of the petitioners was badly riddled before they left the committee room. This unanimous report will have the effect of keeping the Brockton people quiet until the conditions are materially changed from the present. Meanwhile, intercommunication between different parts of the county is improving, and Plymouth may hope to hold its prestige indefinitely.

The Senate has finally come to an agreement upon the Cape Cod canal bill by accepting amendments which were proposed by the opponents of the bill in order to make impossible any stock-watering. It has been a very stubborn fight, but the friends of the bill were compelled to accept these amendments if they wanted any bill at all. It now returns to the House, and it is to be expected that the amendments will be concurred in. Then the question will be whether the canal will ever be built.

The House has passed to be engrossed the bill to prevent the violation of the law to stop the excessive expenditure of money at elections. The bill has yet to pass the Senate, and it was killed in the House last year. So its passage is not assured, though the House was almost unanimous for it.

LANDON.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 1900.

PALMER NEWS.

Help the Sprinkling Cart Project.

There is urgent need of more subscriptions if the village is to have a sprinkling cart run this summer. Mr. Hamilton, who is back of the matter, states that he lacks about $125 of enough to warrant him in beginning work. He will not start unless he has enough pledged beforehand, so if we are to have the cart at all there must needs be more money pledged, and that at once if we are to get early benefit from it.

Louis Wells, the mikman, has purchased a new wagon.

The W. R. C. will meet this evening in Memorial Hall.

Grover Goodes has gone to visit friends in Worcester for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Parker spent part of the week in Sunderland.

C. G. Gardner of Springfield spent Easter with friends in town.

Mrs. Fred Caryl attended the funeral of a friend in Ware on Saturday.

Amos Olds is seriously ill at his home on School street with pneumonia.

Miss Josie Brown of Amherst spent Sunday with her mother in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGovern spent Easter with friends in Worcester.

Harry Farnum spent the latter part of last week at his home in Amherst.

Miss Marjorie Todd of Springfield spent Easter at her home on Pine street.

Charles McManamy of Chicopee was the guest of relatives in town Sunday.

Henry Bliss of South Main street has been sick with the grippe for a week.

David Ronan of Philadelphia was in town Wednesday visiting his mother.

Rev. R. T. Polk of Boston will preach in the Universalist church next Sunday.

Mrs. G. H. Wilkins has been the guest of relatives in Milford, N. H., this week.

James Duffy of Holyoke spent Easter with his parents on South Main street.

Mrs. B. H. Allen of Springfield has been the guest of relatives on State avenue.

Mrs. L. M. Shaw has returned from a short visit with relatives in Hampden.

The house of Mrs. Mary Foster of Thorndike street is being painted externally.

Frank Holdsworth is spending a week's vacation with his brother at Turners Falls.

Miss Ella Heenehan of Springfield spent Easter with her parents on Central street.

William Millen of Northampton spent Sunday with his parents on Park street.

J. J. Todd of Hartford, Ct., was the guest of his family on Pine street Sunday.

The public schools of the town will open next Monday after a two-weeks' vacation.

Rev. C. W. Haines will preach in the Baptist church in Wales Wednesday evening.

S. R. Batchelder has taken a position in the freight house of the Central Vermont road.

Mrs. Katherine Root has moved from South Main street to her house at Tenneyville.

Miss Hattie G. Flynt has been the guest of Mrs. H. A. King of Springfield this week.

F. O. Royce of Amherst spent Sunday with his mother at her home on Maple street.

Miss May Hopkins of North Dana was the guest of her parents on Maple street Easter.

Miss Emma Mulvihill has been in New York this week attending the dressmaking openings.

A man from Wales was given his final naturalization papers at the district court Saturday.

Rev. O. G. Petrie was brought home from the hospital at Rutland yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Winifred Croiser of Mittineague is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Parker on Park street.

Ernest Marsh of Enfield has been at the home of his parents on Central street part of the week.

Miss Oa Recein of Willimantic, Ct., has been stopping for a few days with friends on Water street.

Miss Mabel Tucker of Fitchburg has been the guest of Miss Louise Hitchcock part of this week.

C. A. Bogue and family of Barre were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bogue the first of the week.

H. W. McGregory and Mrs. Lucy Flynt sang in the Congregational church in Monson last Sunday.

James Healey of Springfield was the guest of Michael Barrett and family of Vaille avenue Sunday.

Washington council, R. and S. M., will hold a regular assembly on Monday evening in Masonic Hall.

Mr. Farnum of Amherst spent Tuesday with his brother, Harry Farnum of the local telephone exchange.

Rev. Charles Olmstead of Three Rivers preached at the Massachusetts epileptic hospital Sunday afternoon.

E. E. Root has moved his family into the house near the agricultural park, owned by the Carey estate.

A litter of handsome Boston terrier puppies is attracting much attention in the window of LeGro's drug store.

Vernon Woolrich has returned to Pittsburg, Pa., after a few weeks' stay with his parents at the Converse House.

John Mundell has resigned his position in the Central Vermont freight house and has accepted a position in Boston.

A. O. Allen, who has been in New York state for several weeks on account of ill health, has returned much improved.

Mrs. L. E. Dickinson and children of Stafford Springs, Ct., have been the guests of Mrs. Albert Bogue part of this week.

Miss Della Hastings has resumed her duties at Smith College after a week's vacation at her home on Pleasant street.

Miss Edith Grace of Amherst is the guest of J. P. Benny, roadmaster on the Central Vermont, at his home on Pleasant street.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor of Mittineague have returned home from a visit with Mrs. Louis Parker of Park street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Whiton of New London have been the guests of Nelson Whiton and family on Converse avenue.

Grand Knight D. F. Dillon of the Palmer council, Knights of Columbus, attended the K. of C. ball at Ware Wednesday night.

Mr. Rogers, employed by the Standard Oil Company, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rogers of Park street.

The Empire Stock Company in repertoire will be the attraction at the opera house next week, at the popular prices of 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Rufus Stimson, instructor at Storrs Agricultural College, and wife have been stopping for a short time at the former's home at Palmer Center.

Edward A. Tucker and Miss Sarah L. Dargneau, both of Palmer, were married Monday night at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. C. W. Haines.

Jesse L. Austin of Palmer was granted a divorce at the superior court in Springfield Tuesday from Lottie S. Austin of Boston for desertion.

Misses Katherine and Elizabeth Leary have returned to their home in Naugatuck, Ct., after a few weeks' sojourn with Mrs. P. Bard of Converse avenue.

William Grady, messenger boy at the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company has resigned, and has been succeeded by Oscar Bressett.

Frank Washburn has finished his duties at the Central Vermont freight house. Miss Josephine Palmer of Willimantic, Ct., is working there temporarily.

A large number from Palmer council, K. of C., will go to Northampton next Monday evening, when a council of the order will be instituted in that city.

The social of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Baptist church at the home of Rev. C. W. Haines Tuesday evening was well attended and much enjoyed by those present.

Mr. Hoag, formerly employed on the Boston and Maine road, has taken a position as conductor of the switcher in the freight yard of the Central Vermont road.

W. H. Brainerd has exchanged his farm east of the village on the Warren road, for Springfield renting property, with James W. Bennett, through the D. F. Holden agency.

L. E. Chandler attended the annual meeting, reunion and banquet of the New England Press Association in Boston Monday, and was elected one of the vice presidents of the organization.

The three-years-old daughter of Andrew Sault of South Main street received a bad cut below the knee Monday afternoon by falling on some broken glass. The wound was about two inches long.

Dr. William Holbrook attended the Hampden County Medical Association's annual meeting in the Cooley Hotel, Springfield on Tuesday, and was chosen one of the censors of the society.

William Barrett will represent the Palmer high school at a committee meeting in Ware to-morrow to make the final arrangements for the track meeting of the Ware, Warren and Palmer schools.

It was reported yesterday that Mrs. H. M. Bliss of South Main street had fallen and broken her leg, but such was not the case. She received an injury from a stick of wood, but no bones were broken.

The services commemorating Easter, which were held in all the churches on Sunday, were very well attended. The churches were prettily trimmed and special musical programmes were rendered.

Unclaimed letters are advertised at the post office for W. F. Coney, P. A. Gaudette, William H. Moody, D. E. Murray, A. H. Pease, John White, Mrs. W. J. Kennedy, Miss Ruth Roundy, Miss Margaret White.

A number of the members of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church attended the county convention of the order at South Hadley Falls yesterday. Miss Ruth Gager, Miss Effie Shaw and D. L. Bodfish were chosen delegates.

A small company gathered at the Congregational church Tuesday evening to hear Mrs. West of Worcester speak on "Our Indian Missions." Her talk proved of interest, and was followed by a social hour. Refreshments were served.

A goodly number were present at the social of the ladies of the Universalist church on Tuesday evening. After the supper an entertainment was given and Rev. G. M. Gerrish of Thorndike spoke interestingly on his recent trip to Cuba.

The subject of the sermon at the Baptist church Sunday morning will be "Christ's call to busy people." In the evening the first of a series of ten sermons on "Why am I not a Christian," will be given, subject, "King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets?"

The Woman's Board of the hospital cottages at Baldwinsville will hold their quarterly meeting at the Congregational church in Orange on Thursday at 10 30. Dr. and Mrs. Page, superintendents, and some of the children will probably be there. Lunch will be served for 25 cents.

Another meeting in the interests of a Knights of Malta council was held in the lodge rooms of the Odd Fellows Tuesday night and was quite well attended. A number signified their intention of joining the organization, and from the present outlook it seems that one will be started in Palmer.

The directors of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society met Tuesday afternoon to revise the premiun list. Instead of going over the list as formerly, committees were chosen to look after each department. It is thought that this method will make the work more simple and bring more satisfactory results.

A Y. M. C. A. deputation day will be observed in the Protestant churches of the town on Sunday, April 29. Representatives of the Y. M. C. A. will speak in the several churches at the morning services, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon special meetings for men will be held in Palmer, Three Rivers and Bondsville. Union meetings will be held in the evening where it is possible.

The annual meeting of the Firemen's Relief Association was held in the district court room Tuesday night and these officers were elected: President, O. B. Fiske; vice president, Dr. G. H. Wilkins; secretary, A. E. Fitch; treasurer, F. N. Carpenter; directors, G. A. Bills, A. Maxwell, J. P. O'Connor, C. K. Gamwell, D. F. Dillon, E. B. Taylor, J. B. Shaw.

Ebenezer Brown has purchased the interest of his son, the late Clarence A. Brown, in the hardware firm of C. A. Brown & Co., located in Commercial block, and will continue to conduct the business for the present. Mr. Brown has been in the hardware business in Palmer or some one of the villages of Palmer for the past 58 years, and has been very successful.

The directors of the Boston and Albany road have petitioned the selectmen for a relay of the track of the Athol branch between the 12th and 15th mileposts, which is a section between Three Rivers and North Wilbraham, near the "Red" bridge, where the new dam is to be erected by the Indian Orchard Company. The dam will submerge the track for a distance, hence the necessity for a relocation.

The selectmen will meet next Monday and view the places mentioned in the license applications. They will probably grant the licenses at this meeting. The matter of a night police appointment in the depot village is also likely to come up. While Officer Conroy has many friends who would like to see him reappointed, there is still considerable opposition to him, and it is possible that the matter may not be finally disposed of next Monday.

Among other attractions Manager Lent has these booked for the opera house: April 30, Sapho, with the scene which has created so much adverse comment cut out; May 3, 4, 5, Davis & St. George Speciality company in repertoire; 8, Monson Academy in Breezy Point; 17, Thomas Jefferson in Rip Van Winkle. Mr. Lent has also some good shows booked for next season, among them Morrison's Faust, which will open the season Sept. 4, and the Village Postmaster.

Frank Smith of Three Rivers was brought before the district court Tuesday by Officer J. J. Manning. Smith had a little fight with another party in Three Rivers Monday and as a result was injured somewhat about the face. He claimed he was not drunk, but had taken a little whisky, according to his doctor's orders. Officer Manning did not agree with the defendant, and His Honor assessed him $10 for drunkenness, which was paid.

An inquest was held in the district court room Monday on the death of John Rogers, the brakeman who was killed a short distance east of Bondsville last week Wednesday. Medical Examiner William Holbrook and three workmen on the train at the time he met his death testified. The evidence apparently showed that no one was responsible, as the ladder and grip irons were in good condition. Rogers was last seen on the ladder at the rear end of the caboose, and the witnesses were of the opinion that he slipped and fell.

The first of the series of five shoots of the gun club league comprising the clubs in Amherst, Palmer, Gardner, Brookfield and Winchendon, was held at Amherst yesterday, and the Palmer club was third with a score of 80 out of a possible 125. The other scores were: Amherst, 93; Gardner, 88; Brookfield, 73; Winchendon, 69. The individual scores of the Palmer men were as follows, 25 pigeons being shot at: Manchester, 19; Dr. Keith, 17; Crocker, 17; Crosby, 14; Norcross, 13. The highest score was made by Shaw of Amherst, 21 out of 25.

There was a horse trade on Main street yesterday forenoon which came near breaking the record for time. A man drove down Walnut street and turned toward the watering trough just another came along Main, headed for the same point. "How'll you trade horses?" asked No. 1. "$20 to boot." "Give you $10." "Make it $15." "All right." And the trade was over before the horses had reached the tank, where they were watered, and then the owners retired to one of the livery stables to shift harness and buggies to their new possessions in horseflesh.

John Hamill of Three Rivers came before the court Wednesday charged with drunkenness. He pleaded not guilty, but later reconsidered the matter and pleaded guilty; he was placed on probation and announced his intention of quitting the town for good. Hamill has just returned from a trip to the old country, previous to which he deeded his property in Three Rivers to his wife in consideration of a sum of money, part of which he got then and the last $100 of which was to be sent him over the water. It did not go, and when he returned he demanded it. His wife refused to give it to him, and she alleges he then struck and abused her. This was the real animus behind the charge on which he was arrested.

The numerous inquiries of strangers as how to reach the depot suggests that a sign should be placed at the top of Commercial street indicating that that street leads to the union passenger station. While it may seem to the average inhabitant of the town that such a sign is unnecessary, if looked at from the stranger's standpoint it will be seen that it would be most convenient. Strangers on the street can see the station without any trouble but are many times puzzled as to which street leads to it, for between Main street and the depot there is a row of buildings. They are compelled to ask the way and when in a hurry it causes them much trouble as well as delay, which would be done away with by a sign.

THREE RIVERS.

James Wilson is confined to the house by illness.

Miss Nettie Trickett is spending the week in Boston.

Miss Grace Cushing has taken a position at the Wemimisset.

Miss Etta Ruggles of Union, N. H., is visiting Mrs. F. A. Ruggles.

Edward Corbett of Newent, Ct., visited the family of J. T. Geer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Mrs. Henry Graves has been called to Bellingham by the illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. James Steele of Adams have been visiting at the home of S. W. Wells.

Mrs. Charles Olmstead and Clarence Olmstead are visiting relatives in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bogue of Barre visited at the home of Charles Barton Sunday.

The Three Rivers baseball team has been reorganized with Thomas Hanley as chairman.

Miss Gertrude Bradley, cashier of the Lawrence Daily *Telegram*, visited at the home of Mrs. Charles A. Knox Easter.

Luther Morin, 85, a former resident of this place, died at Saint Rock, P. Q., last Friday. He leaves two sons, Rev. Joseph Morin, a professor in McGill University, Montreal, and John Morin of Three Rivers; also two daughters, Mrs. P. Forte of Springfield and Mrs. John Lupien of Three Rivers.

Miss Elizabeth Richmond, 92, died from the effects of an apopleticshock at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. A. Thayer, Monday afternoon. She was born in Rainham, Mass., Aug. 27, 1808, but has lived in Dana, Hardwick and Belchertown. She had lived with her niece for the last seven years, coming to Three Rivers about two weeks ago. Besides her niece she leaves no other near relative. The funeral was held at the house Wednesday morning and was conducted by Rev. Charles Olmstead; burial was in Hardwick.

THORNDIKE.

William Clifford of Millbury has been visiting his brother, T. J. Clifford.

Thomas Donoghue was called to Thompsonville Tuesday to attend the funeral of a relative.

George Fortune of Hartford has been spending the week with his mother, Mrs. Paul Fortune.

Miss Margaret Hartnett of Springfield and Miss Mary O'Keefe of Holyoke passed Sunday with their parents here.

A picked nine from this place went to Wilbraham to play ball on Monday, and were defeated by a score of 17 to 1.

The Junior basketball team was defeated at Union Hall Saturday evening by the Bondsville Juniors by a score of 14 to 4.

Horace H. Messier's little daughter, who has been ill for the past week with pneumonia, is reported on the road to recovery.

Maurice Moynihan of Northampton passed Easter at the home of his father, Bartholomew Moynihan, on the Bondsville road.

Hillard Smith caught an enormous large mink 3½ feet in length in a steel trap on Wednesday night. This is supposed to be the large black animal seen in the vicinity of Exchange block after dark for several nights.

The funeral of Sophia, the 14-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Skowyra of Three Rivers, was held from St. Mary's church in Thorndike Friday morning, with interment in St. Thomas's cemetery.

Special Easter services were conducted at St. Mary's church on Tuesday evening, followed by masses at 5 and 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. Among the out-of-town clergymen who assisted the pastor were Rev. John O'Garra of Bondsville, Rev. John T. Sheehan of Ware and Rev. Thomas S. Donoghue of Palmer.

James J. Griffin of Indian Orchard, formerly a resident of Thorndike, while returning from the Thorndike cemetery on Monday after attending the funeral of Morris Cavanaugh, was thrown from his carriage, striking upon his head and cutting a gash in his forehead. The accident happened by the wheels of the carriage getting caught in the street railway tracks at the Forest Lake junction.

Mrs. Mary Foster, 76, widow of the late John Foster, died Wednesday forenoon about 11 o'clock after a brief illness at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Arthur Quintall of Church street. Mrs. Foster was born in Canada and came to Thorndike from Vermont about 26 years ago. She was widely known and much respected. Four sons survive her, John and Leo of Thorndike, Peter of Springfield and Charles of West Warren, also two daughters, Mrs. Alfred Goodrue of Palmer Center and Mrs. Sarah Dwyer of Vermont. The funeral will be to-morrow.

[For Palmer Center and Bondsville news see third page.]

A CARD.—We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for their manifestations of sympathy and kindly assistance during our recent bereavement, and also for the beautiful floral tributes.

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The very best groceries that money can buy.

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FOR SALE cheap. A good open buggy.
3-tf LEWIS R. HOLDEN, Bondsville.

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FOR SALE.—A $75 Nonotuck bicycle; will sell for $25 cash.
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TO RENT.—Two tenements on Converse avenue. Inquire of W. W. LEACH, Palmer. 47-tf

TO RENT.—Two 6-room tenements in Cross Block. Inquire of F. F. MARCY or D. L. BODFISH.

FOR SALE.—Brown leghorn eggs for hatching; $1 00 for 13. D. J. SULLIVAN,
1-6 School street, Thorndike.

FOR SALE.—One two-seated carriage, one good express wagon. Also cheap buggy.
51-tf GEO. A. KEITH, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Tenement of 12 rooms over J. B. Shaw's store. Central location for boarders. Can be rented for two tenements. 3-tf
K. T. FEENEY, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—White Plymouth Rock and Buff Leghorn eggs, none better. $1 per 15. Orders for eggs left at J. F. Foley's store.
1-4 O. J. WAID, Palmer.

LOST.—Saturday, April 14, road from Thorndike to West Warren through Ware, a gold watch, full case. Reward if returned to
1-ks JOHN BLEAU, Three Rivers.

WANTED.—A reliable young man of 16 to 18, a good penman, in a responsible position. Address N. B., JOURNAL Office, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Tenement of 7 rooms on Central street. Furnace heat, both hot and cold water, desirable location. Inquire of
32-tf H. W. McGREGORY, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—The Samuel Edgerton property on Park street in Palmer. A desirable location, large yard, well-arranged house.
2-tf C. E. FULLER, Adm.

FOR SALE.—Eggs for hatching. Black Minorcas, Silver Hamburgs and Rhode Island Reds, $3 per setting. JOHN RILEY,
1-4 Box 2, Thorndike.

DRESSMAKING.—I wish to inform the ladies of Palmer and vicinity that I am prepared to do dressmaking in all its branches, or any kind of sewing. 2-5
M. S. SHAW, Thorndike St., Palmer.

Mrs. Ida Grenier,
GENERAL TRAINED NURSE,
Three Rivers, Mass., at residence Dr. Fournier. Telephone 2-4.

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A man of energy, ability and integrity to represent us in Central Massachusetts. Weekly salary and commission. Apply by letter giving references, age, and previous occupation.
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FINE 65 acre Farm for sale. Good brick house, good barns and outbuildings; located near railway station; excellent facilities for shipping produce to the market. Fine large apples and peach orchards, running brook, 3 wells, keeps 5 cows, 2 horses and no better poultry farm can be had; 7 acres of heavy timber. This place cost owner over $2500. On account of old age and ill health will be sold for half that. Inquire of F. K. Rood of Rood & Woodbury, Springfield, or E. J. FULLER, 3-1ks Thorndike.

TOWN OF PALMER.
PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

The School Committee invites bids for Indian Ridge or Pittston Coal, to be delivered as follows: Bondsville, grate, 50 tons, egg, 3 tons; Thorndike, grate, 55 tons, stove 5 tons; Three Rivers, grate, 45 tons; Palmer grammar school, in the new building when completed, grate, 60 tons; high school, egg, 35 tons; Wire mill, egg, 7 tons. Coal is to be screened and weighed by a sworn weigher, weight bills to accompany each load delivered. All bids must be in by 12 o'clock noon, on Thursday, May 10, 1900. Bids shall be mailed to School Committee, Palmer, Mass., marked "Proposals for Coal." The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Wall Papers 4c a roll, Borders and Ceilings to match. . . Better grades correspondingly cheap. **L. A. Conant,**
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New spring styles. Hickory Russia Calf, Black Vici Kid and light weight Box Calf,

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Men's Solid, Smooth, Satin Calf Shoes, all styles,

$1.50.

Children's Patent Tip, Spring Heel Shoes, lace and button,

50c.

Ladies' Oxford Ties, flexible soles, Patent tips, all sizes.

98c.

Boys' School Shoes, one piece, solid insoles and counters, sizes 11 to 2,

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Ladies' Spring Style Boardman Shoes,

$2.00.

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Near Post Office.
HOLDEN'S BLOCK, PALMER.
Mrs. E. H. Pope, Manager.

ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

To the Inhabitants and other Persons liable to pay Taxes in the Town of Palmer for the Year 1900.

The Assessors of the Town of Palmer hereby give notice to the inhabitants of said town, and all other persons liable to pay taxes therein, that they will receive at the Town House, on Tuesday, the first day of May next, the valuation of estates, and all persons liable to be taxed in said town are hereby notified to bring in to us true and perfect lists of all poles (males twenty years old and upwards), and schedules and estimates of the Personal and Real Estates for which they are liable to pay taxes in said town, possessed by them on the first day of May next.

MORTGAGED REAL ESTATE.

Any Mortgagor or Mortgagee of Real Estate situated within this town may bring in to the undersigned Assessors, within the time above specified, a statement under oath, of the amount due on each separate lot or parcel of such Real Estate, and the name and residence of every holder of an interest as a Mortgagor or Mortgagee therein. When only a part of the property described in any mortgage is situated within this town, an estimate of the amount of a Mortgagee's interest in such part; or when a recorded mortgage includes for one sum two or more estates or parts of an estate, an estimate of the amount of the Mortgagee's interest in each estate or part of an estate shall be given in such statement.—Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1882.

CHAPTER ELEVEN OF THE PUBLIC STATUTES.

SECTION 14. "When any person has an interest in taxable real estate as holder of a duly recorded mortgage, given to secure the payment of money, the amount of which is fixed and certain, the amount of his interest as Mortgagee shall be assessed as Real Estate in the place where the land lies; and the Mortgagor shall be assessed only for the value of said Real Estate after deducting the assessed value of all such Mortgagee's interest therein. When such property is situated in two or more places, the amount of the Mortgagee's interest to be assessed in each place shall be portioned to the assessed value in the respective places of the mortgaged Real Estate, deducting therefrom the taxable amount of prior mortgages, if any therein."

SECTION 15. "If any holder of such a mortgage fails to file in the Assessors' office a statement under oath of all his estate liable to taxation under the preceding section, including a statement of the full amount remaining unpaid upon such mortgage and of his interest therein, the amount stated in the mortgage shall be conclusive as to the extent of such interest; but the Mortgagee's interest in such real estate shall not be assessed at a greater sum than the fair cash valuation of the land and structures thereon or affixed thereto; and the amount of a mortgage interest in an estate that has been divided after the creation of such mortgage shall not be required to be apportioned upon the several parts of such estate except as provided in sections eighty-one to eighty-three inclusively."

SECTION 16. "Mortgagors and Mortgagees referred to in the two preceding sections shall, for the purpose of taxation, be deemed joint owners until the Mortgagee takes possession; and until such possession is taken by the first Mortgagee, the Assessors or the Collector of Taxes, upon application to any one of them, shall give to any such Mortgagee or Mortgagor a tax bill showing the whole tax on the mortgaged estate and the amount included in the valuation thereof as the interests of each Mortgagee and of the Mortgagor respectively. If the first Mortgagee is in possession he shall be deemed sole owner; and any other Mortgagee in possession shall be deemed joint owner with prior mortgagees."

When a statement in conformity to the law above quoted is brought in, the Real Estate therein returned will be assessed under sections 14, 15 and 16 of Chapter Eleven of the Public Statutes. But in cases where the Mortgagor of the Real Estate is agreed in writing to pay all taxes assessed thereon, no statement or return is required from either Mortgagee or Mortgagor, unless requested by the Assessors in writing.

JOHN O. HAMILTON,
H. T. BISHOP,
A. A. WARRINER,
Assessors of Palmer.

Palmer, Mass., April 18, 1900. 3-2

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
BOARD OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.
Boston, April 17, 1900.

On the petition of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company for a change of location of the Athol Branch of its road in the towns of Ludlow, Palmer and Belchertown, between the twelfth and fifteenth mile posts of its present location, for the purpose of improving the alignment of said road as shown upon a plan filed with the petition, the Board will give a hearing to the parties in interest at their office, No. 20 Beacon Street, Boston, on Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of April, instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

And the petitioner is required to give notice of said hearing by publication hereof, once prior to said date, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper printed in the town of Palmer, and to make return of service at the time or hearing.

Per order of the Board,
WM. A. CRAFTS, Clerk.

ALCYONIUM,

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We have a good assortment of Boys' Overcoats, Ulsters, and Reefers to be closed out at unheard of prices.

Ladies' Jackets of all colors.
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Will be sold at Public Auction, on the Premises,

Wednesday, April 25, 1900

At 10 o'clock a. m., unless previously disposed of

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Situated in the west part of Monson, known as "Colton Hollow," 3 miles from Monson and 3 1-2 miles from Hampden, said place formerly known as Russell Day Farm, consisting of 60 acres, more or less, divided into mowing, pasturing, woodland and orchard.

Good house of 7 rooms and milk room, wood shed, two barns and shed attached, best running water to house and barn; also at same time and place all personal property as follows: Hay, three cows, one yearling, one horse, one calf, hens, one top buggy, one open buggy, one business wagon, one farm wagon, one cart, one sleigh, one sled, one mowing machine, one corn sheller, plow, one horse rake, harness, chains, and all farming utensils used on farm, also household goods and effects, consisting of furniture, stoves, etc., in house.

If stormy, sale will be held next fair day.

Adaline Squier, Executrix.

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We are, as usual, headquarters for

Grass Seed, Seed Oats, (Michigan.)
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Beautiful in design and finish.

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Full line of Bleached and Brown Cottons, Table Linen, Napkins and Towels, Dress Trimmings, Linings, Braids and Buttons, Hosiery, from the very cheap to the high price variety.

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The goods are the very latest of this season's productions and are exquisite in form and color, and exceedingly good in quality.

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Monson.

Forbes & Wallace,

Springfield, April, 1900.

Artistic Millinery.

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$3 to $38!

If you would rather have some of your own ideas embodied in your hat, here are all the best untrimmed shapes and the flowers, silks, chiffons, etc., to put on them. Give us the order early and you shall have the work of our very best artists in trimming them.

Tailor-Made Suits.

Buy your Spring suit early enough this week to give us time to make any alterations that may be necessary to have it fit just right.

We are making many important offerings:

Eton Suit of blue mixed homespun, wide revers with twelve rows of stitching; jacket silk lined; skirt with new box-plaited back and percaline lined, **$14**

Black Ladies' Cloth Suit, Jacket in Eton style with appliqued revers; skirt with box-plaited back; jacket lined with silk taffeta; skirt lined with percaline, **$16**

Gray Plaid Homespun Suits, Eton style, high collar, lined with silk taffeta; skirt lined with percaline; jacket and skirt trimmed with silk, **$18**

Brown Mixed Suitings, fly-front jacket style; jacket lined with silk; skirt lined with percaline; jacket and skirt inlaid seams, **$21**

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18 inch to 26 inch. Fancy Coverings and Plain.

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Have your Carpets cleaned at Kenerson's Steam Carpet Cleaning Works. Carpets in the Depot Village called for and delivered without charge. Mail orders promptly attended to.

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Geo. B. Kenerson, Park St., Palmer.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 1900.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

Alonzo Gould has gone to Worcester to work.

Gaylord Lanphear has recovered from the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Fenton have been sick this week with grippe.

Mrs. G. W. Farrington is recovering from an attack of the grippe.

Miss Hannah Zuill of Wood Hill has been ill with pneumonia, but is recovering.

Frank Carpenter of Springfield spent Sunday with his father, Daniel Carpenter.

C. C. Keep, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is able to be out of doors.

Miss Grace Tanner of Spencer returned home yesterday after a visit to Mrs. Arthur Fosket.

Dr. H. A. Merchant has been elected councilor of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

George Knowlton, formerly of Monson, was in town yesterday, the guest of C. A. Bradway.

Mrs. Charles Stacy and daughter, Miss Minnie, have returned from a visit to Lancaster.

Miss Sarah Rand has been called to Lyndesboro, N. H., on account of illness of relatives.

The Universalist Extension class will meet with Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Conner next Monday evening.

Miss Annise Adams of Barre, who has been the guest of Mrs. L. H. White for a week, returned yesterday.

Rev. L. C. Druley of Stafford will preach in the Universalist church Sunday morning in exchange with the pastor.

Fred M. Fenton of Holyoke spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Chandler Fenton, who is ill with the grippe.

L. G. Cushman, G. L. Cushman and Norman Cushman have been confined to the house this week with grippe, but are better.

Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blodgett, who live on the Cedar Swamp road, has been quite sick with pneumonia, but is better.

Dr. G. E. Fuller has been chosen a delegate to the convention of the American Medical Association to be held in Atlantic City, N. J., in June.

Miss Lida Walker of Worcester and Miss Mary Walker of Springfield spent Patriots' Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Walker, on East Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ricketts of Manchester, Ct., have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ricketts and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Babbitt this week.

The Ladies' Circle of the Universalist church will serve an egg salad supper next Tuesday from 6 to 8 p. m., after which Prof. J. S. R. Coy will give an organ recital.

The little daughter of John McLagan of South Monson has a broken arm. In playing with her brother Saturday she fell in such a way that her weight came upon the arm.

The Monson House and the Century Hotel have applied for licenses of the first and fourth classes, and G. L. Keeney and F. S. Chapman for licenses of the sixth class.

The assessors have posted the usual notices warning property owners to bring in sworn statements in regard to the amount and value of their property, before May 3.

Rev. W. L. A. Nelson, the new pastor of the Methodist church, arrived Saturday and began his duties Sunday. He is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bradway.

The Easter Monday ball given by the hook and ladder company was not as well attended as was expected, but those present seemed to enjoy themselves. The gallery was well filled, and the concert was good.

The "Transactions of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Medical Society," which will be issued in about two weeks, will contain a picture of the late Dr. N. W. Rand and a biographical sketch covering about two and one-half pages.

About 20 feet of bank wall on the east side of Washington street caved in Tuesday. The wall has shown signs of being unstable for some time, but no one realized that its condition was so bad. It will be repaired soon.

The King's Daughters' supper and sale was held in the Methodist vestry Wednesday evening. Considering the weather the attendance was good. Not all the fancy articles were sold, and those remaining may be bought at private sale.

The condition of Freeman Switzer and family is improved, but if there are charitably disposed people who have a surplus of bedding or clothing suitable for an elderly woman, a man or boys, they may be sure that these articles will be appreciated.

W. M. Tucker's milk cart was struck by an electric car Monday, near the residence of Rev. James Tufts. Both were going in the same direction, and Mr. Tucker, not hearing the car, started across the track. The horse cleared the rails, but the cart was struck with considerable force.

The anniversary of the institution of Odd Fellowship will be celebrated by the Monson lodge next Monday evening, and members of the order are invited to be present with their families. Miss Helen Long of Cambridge will read, and the Misses Taylor will render musical selections.

Dr. F. D. Maine of Springfield has been in town this week selling a pamphlet entitled "Man." It embraces the series of articles published in the Springfield *Republican* on Evolution, and contains an allusion to and a quotation from the writings of the late Dr. N. W. Rand.

The announcement was made Monday that Effie M. Aldrich was married at Chatham, N. Y., September 30, 1899, to Dr. C. V. C. Griffin of St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Griffin left Wednesday for the West. She has been employed at Heimann and Lichten's during the winter. She is the daughter of Mrs. S. E. Aldrich.

The churches observed Easter much in the usual way, with special music, special decorations and special attendance. There were Sunday school concerts at the Protestant churches in the evening. At the Universalist church Miss Helen Long, a bright little elocutionist nine years of age, gave a pleasing reading. She is quite an entertainer in church and order circles in Cambridge and vicinity.

The homestead of the late L. L. Squier, situated in the west part of Monson, known as Colton Hollow, about three miles from Monson and three and a half from Hampden, will be sold at auction next Wednesday forenoon at 10. The place includes a farm of about 60 acres, divided into mowing, pasturing, woodland and orchard. There is a good woodshed, shed, and barns on the place; the personal property and household goods will also be disposed of at the same time.

There has been considerable sickness at the town farm during the past few days, both among the inmates and the stock. One day last week the attending physician prescribed for eight persons. The stock seems to be getting along all right now. While it seems singular that so much sickness should occur at one time, no blame is attached to those who have the farm in charge. Mr. and Mrs. Carew give perfect satisfaction. The State inspector speaks of the farm as being one of the best kept in the State.

The funeral of Sylvanus Pease was held at the town farm last Friday afternoon, his death having occurred Thursday. Mr. Pease leaves a sister, Mrs. J. G Carew, a brother, Roswell, who boards at the Town farm, and a daughter, Mrs. Ryder. Funeral services were also held at that time for Mrs. Helen Moore, who died that morning, but the burial did not take place until the following day. Mrs. Moore was quite well known in Monson, her home having been here much of the time for the past 25 years, the last two of which were spent at the town farm. She wrote poetry which compared favorably with much that is published in the newspapers.

PALMER CENTER.

Miss Emma Bacon is visiting in South Hadley.

Arlie Trumble, who has been very sick, is improving.

Samuel Brown's horse Prince, died last week from meningitis.

Perlin Bacon and Alfred Gaudroe each had a son born to them last Friday.

Rufus Stimson and wife of Mansfield, Ct., spent Sunday with his parents here.

Men are at work on the culvert by Mrs. Hamilton's house which was washed out during one of the recent hard rain storms, and find it no easy job, as the bottom of the culvert is about 20 feet below the surface of the road and the ground is very hard. It is being laid 3 feet by 4, and will be a good job when finished, though it is doubtful if it will stand as long as the old one has, it being about 75 years since that was put in by Samuel Brown's father, and has never been taken up or repaired except a little on one side, where the bank was washed by heavy rains.

BONDSVILLE.

Lizzie Ferris has an attack of the grippe.

Charles Matthews, who has been quite ill, has recovered.

Henry Coyle has resigned his position with the Boston Duck Company.

A. P. Randall has accepted a position with the Flynt Granite Co. at Monson.

A handsome string of trout was caught one day this week by F. A. Canterbury.

T. D. Potter & Co. have put in wall paper an additional line to their business.

Mrs. A. P. Knowlton and daughter have returned from a four-days' visit to Orange.

Miss Edith Childs spent a few days this week with her uncle, Walter Hall of West Warren.

Miss Grace Childs returned Thursday after a week's stay in Lowell with her grandmother.

Dennis Lynch has accepted a position with the Flynt Building and Construction Co. at Monson.

The seven-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Quirk, who has been quite ill, is slowly recovering.

Lewis R. Holden, who has been suffering from a severe attack of the rheumatism, is able to resume his duties.

Mr. Harrington of East Windsor Hills has accepted a position as engineer in T. D. Potter & Co's. saw mill.

Frank Girouard has resigned his position with the Boston Duck Co. and has accepted one in Southbridge.

Mrs. G. R Hillman and son of Northampton are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes.

Fred Morrissett has moved from the house owned by Miss Bridget Leary to one owned by the Boston Duck Co. on Main street.

A game of basketball will be played this evening in Liberty Hall between the Bondsville Juniors and the Thorndike Juniors.

The house opposite the Company's office on Main street, built by T. D. Potter & Co., was completed this week and is now awaiting tenants.

C. N. Shaw has resumed his duties for the Boston Duck Co. after a forced vacation of a few days caused by a wound inflicted while about his work.

The motor at the power house of the Boston Duck Co. is undergoing repairs. R. E. Sumner of Braintree and his assistant, George Eldridge, are doing the work.

Mrs. C. D. Sword of Hartford, Ct., who has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bond, returned home Monday, accompanied by her sister Alice.

A number of the King's Daughters accepted the invitation from the King's Daughters of Monson to a supper in the vestry of the Methodist church of that place Wednesday evening.

Daniel Quirk passed quietly away at his home yesterday afternoon. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Julia Quirk, and three daughters, Mrs. John Manning of Thorndike, Katie and Mary Quirk of this place, and one son, Thomas of Bondsville.

Two freight cars on the Boston and Maine road were derailed Monday afternoon. There being no back stop at the end of the switch, the cars were forced off the track into the middle of the highway before they came to a stop. The wrecker was called from Northampton and soon repaired the damage.

Mrs. Johanna Shea, widow of the late John Shea of South Belchertown, died at her home at 1.30 Wednesday morning. She was 87 years old and had been an invalid for the past 22 years; for the last 16 years she had not taken a step. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. John O'Herren, Misses Bridget and Johanna Shea of Belchertown, and one son, Daniel P. Shea of Bondsville. Services were held in St. Bartholomew's church this morning.

WEST WARREN.

Mrs. F. G. Potter has gone to her home in Ipswich for a visit.

Mrs. George Barton, who has been quite sick with pleurisy, is able to be out again.

Rev. H. G. Butler, the new conference appointee, occupied the pulpit at the M. E. church last Sunday.

The family of Mr. Fatsch, old residents here, have returned. Mr. Fatsch has taken a position in the weave room at the mills.

Frank Moore and Miss Victoria Flurie, second daughter of Frank Flurie, were married Monday by Rev. P. Trottier. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will reside at No. 4.

BRIMFIELD.

Miss Mabel Brown returns this week to Mt. Holyoke College.

Mrs. J. H. Noyes has returned to Brimfield for a short stay after spending several months in Springfield.

Rev. W. P. Clancy and his family are at the hotel, as the parsonage is undergoing repairs. Miss Agnes Clancy has entered the Hitchcock Academy.

The regular meeting of the Grange was held Tuesday evening. Resolutions upon the death of Elmer Agard were adopted, and a committee was chosen to draw up resolutions upon the death of George H. Streeter, the late master. The names of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Brown were proposed for membership. The question for debate was, "What results should be considered as the estimate of successful farming?" There was a reading by Mrs. Edward B. Brown.

WARREN.

The three-nights' bazar of the Foresters of America opened last night.

Two pairs of pheasants were brought to Warren Tuesday and given their liberty on the farm of J. W. Tyler in South Warren.

Superintendent George A. Moody of the West Warren mills has been confined to his home since Saturday with an attack of rheumatism.

The Davis and St. George dramatic and speciality company will be at the town hall for three nights next week, beginning on Monday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. William B. Oleson were given a surprise Tuesday evening by a large party of their friends, who gave them a donation party. They were given a purse of $65 and numerous useful gifts. A musical entertainment was next in order and the remainder of the evening was socially spent.

EAST BRIMFIELD.

School opened Monday with Miss Lottie Leach as teacher.

Arthur Davenport is home from the University of Maine.

David Lumnerville has left town to accept a position at Ludlow.

Clarence Wesson of Southbridge spent Sunday with his father-in-law, A. H. Bumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and son George from Warren were the guests of A. C. Page over Sunday.

Fred S. Ackert and Richard Macallister have returned from a two-weeks' trip to New York state and Pennsylvania.

Mrs. C. H. Macallister has been called to Westford on account of the sudden death from measles of her niece, Belle Scharborn.

All were saddened to learn that Mrs Pond had passed away. She had been a resident here a long time, living with her son Frank. Burial was in Franklin.

BELCHERTOWN.

The funeral of Mrs. Ira Squiers was held Monday afternoon, and interment was in the South cemetery. Mrs. Squiers death occurred at her home on Federal street Sunday morning.

The annual business meeting of the Congregational society will be held Monday at 1 p. m. in the chapel. A number of important articles are to be acted upon in addition to the usual business.

It is suggested that the town buy the Hopkins lot and make the large barn situated upon this property into a fire engine-house. This change could be made with a small expenditure and seems to be met with favor by many of the citizens.

E. J. Griggs post, G. A. R., held a social in Grand Army Hall last night. Commander Morse gave a talk on "Reminiscences of army life," and there was vocal and instrumental music. The proceeds will be used for the relief of sick and needy members of the post.

The school committee have decided to add one year more to the high school course and in all probability there will be no graduating class this June. The entrance to the high school will require a much higher average than formerly, thus giving the school a higher standing and rank. The change has been desired for some time.

WALES.

Alfred Fox moved his first load of goods Monday to Sturbridge, where he has purchased a farm.

Asher Green is very low with a cancer.

The selectmen have organized with J. H. Loudon as chairman.

Mrs. Martha Underwood has gone to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Harvey of Monson.

W. A. Lyon and wife were summoned to Maine this week by the sickness of Mrs. Lyon's father, who is very low.

Auctioneer H. A. McFarland will sell a lot of live stock for O. B. Switzer on Church street to-morrow at 10 a. m.

An alarm of fire was sounded Wednesday noon, when the house of Abbie Needham was thought to be on fire, but it proved to be only a chimney burning out.

Rev. A. A. Robinson of Packersville, Ct., about 45 years ago a pastor of the Baptist church here, died at his home Wednesday after a brief sickness with grippe. He visited Wales the first of this month with the intention of renting a house here and making his home among relatives and friends. He had resigned his pastorate at Packersville, to take effect May 1, having arrived at nearly 86 years of age he felt unable to longer perform the duties of a pastor. He leaves a wife, who was a sister of the late Julius M. Lyon of Wales, also one son, Rev. Julius B. Robinson of West Boylston.

WARE.

The Easter collection at All Saints' church was about $1075.

A select assembly was held in the Young Men's Union Hall Monday evening.

C. E. Blood of the Sheffield Scientific School is home on an Easter vacation.

A. F. Richardson, town clerk and treasurer, has moved his office from his old store to the town hall. The large town safe was moved Saturday.

The body of Freeman Bacon of Amherst was brought to Ware Wednesday for burial. The funeral services were held in the Congregational church.

Warren Rugg of Dartmouth College and Edward Whitney of Harvard Medical School have been spending an Easter recess at their homes in town.

W. J. Rushmore, principal of the high school in Dover, N. H., and family, who have been the guests of Mrs. Rushmore's mother, have returned to their home.

The members of the Methodist church gave a reception on Monday evening to Rev. J. W. Fulton, who has been reappointed pastor of the church for the coming year.

Tickets for W. C. Hammond's organ recital to be given Wednesday in the Congregational church are on sale at F. J. Mulvaney's. Mr. Hammond will be assisted by a chorus of 40 trained voices.

A horse belonging to George Corser backed down an embankment near the book shop on Tuesday and became entangled in a barbed wire fence. The animal was badly cut and bruised and the wagon was demolished.

The women of Trinity church held their annual Easter fair Tuesday afternoon and evening, and the attendance was good considering the inclement weather. Fancy articles were on sale in the afternoon, and in the evening a minstrel show was given by the young men and boys of the parish.

Rev. A. B. Bassett unable to occupy his pulpit in the East Congregational church Sunday because of illness. Owing to a misunderstanding Rev. B. M. Frink of West Brookfield and Rev. Edward Day of Lenox were engaged to supply the pulpit. Both took part in the service, Rev. Mr. Frink preaching the sermon.

The funeral of John Rogers, the brakeman who was killed by falling from a train Wednesday morning of last week, was held at All Saints' Catholic church Saturday. Mr. Rogers was a member of the Young Men's Union and the Foresters, and both these organizations attended in a body. A number of railroad men were also present. The burial was in the Catholic cemetery on West street.

WILBRAHAM.

Gilbert Pease has a new commodious barn, 24 by 60 feet, completed.

Mrs. W. H. Newhall is one of the patronesses of the Grand Army Fair held in Springfield this week.

E. E. Clark has taken a position as traveling salesman for the Deering Harvest Company, and left Monday for Boston.

Myron Bruner has been spending some days in New York state this week, and will visit Harper's Ferry before his return.

F. Meacham of Springfield has taken the contract to build a house for H. T. Bolles on Wigwam Hill in place of the one that was burned March 12, and has begun work on the same.

Deacon Herbert Miller of Ludlow has sold his farm in that town and has purchased the place known as the Deacon Clark house near the Congregational parsonage, and has moved his family there this week.

Easter was observed by sermons and music appropriate to the occasion at both village churches. At the Memorial Methodist church the decorations were especially fine, over a hundred Easter lillies, most of them potted plants contributed by students of Wesleyan Academy, being the chief feature. Other plants, including a fine Rambler rose, were also abundant. In the afternoon there was a service in the church for the students of Wesleyan Academy instead of the usual Bible study, which was conducted by the pastor, Dr. W. H. Thomas, and Dr. W. F. Newhall. Holy week services had been held at 1 p. m. during the preceding week. The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the First Congregational church held a special service in the afternoon to which the public were invited.

A musicale was given at the First Congregational church Wednesday evening under the direction of Ethelbert Bliss, with Miss Mary E. Howard as accompanist, by members of the Congregational society assisted by Miss Beth H. Guilford, violinist, and H. W. Thompson, cornetist, of Wesleyan Academy, with the following program:

Send out Thy Light,	Chorus.	Gounod
Cornet Solo.	The Last Chord, H. W. Thompson.	Sullivan
Portland. Invitation. Vocal Solo.	Chorus	Cowle
	Once in a Purple Twilight, Miss Dora A. Bliss.	Abt
The Violet's Fate	Chorus.	
Violin Solo.	Potpourrians Stradella, Miss Beth H. Guilford.	Blumenthal
Oh, There's Nothing so Gay,	Chorus.	Holcomb
Contralto Solo.	A Dream, Miss Maude B. Hubbard.	Bartlett
Woburn. Greenwich, Piano Duet.	Chorus	
	La Sonambula, Misses Bliss and Howard.	Paul
Sweet and Low,	Chorus.	Barnby
Sanctus,	Chorus.	Tours
Cornet Solo.	In Old Madrid, H. W. Thompson.	Forte
Vocal Duet.	Come in Beautiful Dreams, Dora and Walter Bliss.	Lancaster
New Durham, Exhortation, Vocal Solo.	Chorus	
	Just as the Sun Went Down, Walter M. Bliss.	Udall
Violin Solo.	Prière, Miss Beth H. Guilford.	Dancla
Gloria,	Chorus.	Veazie

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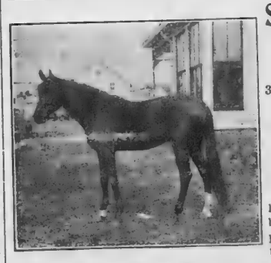

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The Crucifixion of Philip Strong

By Rev. CHARLES M. SHELDON,

Author of "In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?" "Malcom Kirk," "Robert Hardy's Seven Days," Etc.

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CHAPTER XXI.

When the Brother Man had finished his prayer, he rose, and, stooping over his son, he kissed him. Then he turned about and faced Philip and Sarah, who almost felt guilty of intrusion in looking at such a scene. But the Brother Man wore a radiant look. To Philip's surprise he was not excited. The same ineffable peace breathed from his entire person. To that peace was now added a fathomless joy.

"Yes," he said very simply, "I have found my son which was lost. God is good to me. He is good to all his children. He is the All Father. He is Love."

"Did you know your son was here?" Philip asked.

"No; I found him here. You have saved his life. That was doing as He would."

"It was very little we could do," said Philip, with a sigh. He had seen so much trouble and suffering that day that his soul was sick within him. Yet he welcomed this event in his home. It seemed like a little brightness of heaven on earth.

"I have not seen him for years. He was my youngest son. We quarreled. All that is past. He did not know that to give up all that one has was the will of God. Now he knows. When he is well, we will go away together—yes, together." He spread out his palms in his favorite gesture, with plentiful content in his face and voice.

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The suffering and sickness and helplessness of the tenement district grew every day more desperate. To Philip it seemed like the ulcer of Milton. All the surface remedies proposed and adopted by the city council and the churches and the benevolent societies had not touched the problem. The mills were going on part time. Thousands of men yet lingered in the place hoping to get work. Even if the mills had been running as usual that would not have diminished one particle of the sin and vice and drunkenness that saturated the place. And as Philip studied the matter with brain and soul he came to a conclusion regarding the duty of the church. He did not pretend to go beyond that, but as the weeks went by and fall came on and another winter stared the people coldly in the face he knew that he must speak out what burned in him.

He had been a year in Milton. Every month of that year had impressed him with the deep and apparently hopeless chasm that yawned between the working world and the church. There was no point of contact. One was suspicious, the other was indifferent. Something was radically wrong, and something radically positive and Christian must be done to right the condition that faced the churches of Milton. That was in his soul as he went his way like one of the old prophets, imbued with the love of God as he saw it in the heart of Christ. With infinite longing he yearned to bring the church to a sense of her great power and opportunity. So matters had finally drawn to a point in the month of November. The Brother Man had come in October. The sick man recovered slowly. Philip and his wife found room for the father and son and shared with them what comforts they had. It should be said that after moving out of the parsonage into his house in the tenement district Philip had more than given the extra thousand dollars the church insisted on paying him. The demands on him were so urgent, the perfect impossibility of providing men with work and so relieving them had been such a bar to giving help in that direction, that out of sheer necessity, as it seemed to him, Philip had given fully half of the thousand dollars reserved for his own salary. His entire expenses were reduced to the smallest possible amount. Everything above that went where it was absolutely needed. He was literally sharing what he had with the people who did not have anything. It seemed to him that he could not consistently do anything less in view of what he had preached and intended to preach.

One evening in the middle of the month he was invited to a social gathering at the house of Mr. Winter. The mill owner had of late been experiencing a revolution of thought. His attitude toward Philip had grown more and more friendly.

It was a gathering of personal friends of Mr. Winter, including some of the church people. The moment that Philip stepped into the spacious hall and caught a glimpse of the furnishings of the rooms beyond, the contrast between all the comfort and brightness of this house and the last place he had visited in the tenement district smote him with a sense of pain. He drove it back and blamed himself with an inward reproach that he was growing narrow and could think of only one idea.

He could not remember just what brought up the subject, but some one during the evening, which was passed in conversation and music, mentioned the rumor going about of increased disturbance in the lower part of the town and carelessly wanted to know if the paper did not exaggerate the facts. Some one turned to Philip and asked him about it as the one best informed. He did not know how long he talked. He knew there was a great hush when he had ended. Then before any one could change the stream of thought some young woman in the music room who had not known what was going on began to sing to a new instrumental variation "Home, Sweet Home." Coming as it did after Philip's vivid description of the tenements, it seemed like a sob of despair or a mocking hypocrisy. He drew back into one of the smaller rooms and began to look over some art prints on a table. As he stood there, again blaming himself for his impetuous breach of society etiquette in almost preaching on such an occasion, Mr. Winter came in and said:

"It does not seem possible that such a state of affairs exists as you describe, Mr. Strong. Are you sure you do not exaggerate?"

"Exaggerate! Mr. Winter, you have pardoned my little sermon here tonight, I know. It was forced on me. But"— He choked, and then, with an energy that was all the stronger for being repressed, he said, turning full toward the mill owner: "Mr. Winter, will you go with me and look at things for yourself? In the name of Christ will you see what humanity is sinning and suffering not more than a mile from this home of yours?"

Mr. Winter hesitated and then said: "Yes, I'll go. When?"

"Say tomorrow night. Come down to my house early, and we will start from there."

When Mr. Winter came down the next evening, Philip asked him to come in and wait a few minutes, as he was detained in his study room by a caller. The mill owner sat down and visited with Mrs. Strong a little while. Finally she was called into the other room, and Mr. Winter was left alone. The door into the sick man's room was partly open, and he could not help hearing the conversation between the Brother Man and his son. Something that was said made him curious, and when Philip came down he asked him a question concerning his strange boarder.

"Come in and see him," said Philip.

He brought Mr. Winter into the little room and introduced him to the patient. He was able to sit up now. At mention of Mr. Winter's name he flushed and trembled. It then occurred to Philip for the first time that it was the mill owner that his assailant that night had intended to waylay and rob.

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CHAPTER XXII.

As they were going out of the house the patient called Philip back. He went in again, and the man said, "Mr. Strong, I wish you would tell Mr. Winter all about it."

"Would you feel easier?" Philip asked gently.

"Yes."

"All right; I'll tell him. Don't worry. Brother Man, take good care of him. I shall not be back until late." He kissed his wife and joined Mr. Winter, and together they made the round of the district.

As they were going through the court near by the place where Philip had been attacked he told the mill owner the story. It affected him greatly, but as they went on through the tenements the sights that met him there wiped out the recollection of everything else.

"How many people are there in our church that know anything about this plague spot from personal knowledge, Mr. Winter?" Philip asked after they had been out about two hours.

"I don't know. Very few, I presume."

"And yet they ought to know about it. How else shall all this sin and misery be done away?"

"I suppose the law could do something," replied Mr. Winter feebly.

"The law!" Philip said the two words and then stopped. They stumbled over a heap of refuse thrown out into the doorway of a miserable structure. "Oh, what this place needs is not law and ordinances and statutes so much as live, loving Christian men and women who will give themselves and a large part of their means to cleanse the souls and bodies and houses of this wretched district. We have reached a crisis in Milton when Christians must give themselves to humanity. Mr. Winter, I am going to tell Calvary church so next Sunday."

Mr. Winter was silent. They had come out of the district and were walking along together toward the upper part of the city. The houses kept growing larger and better. Finally they came up to the avenue where the churches were situated—a broad, clean, well paved street, with magnificent elms and elegant houses on either side, and the seven large, beautiful church buildings, with their spires pointing upward, almost all of them visible from where the two men stood.

A door in one of the houses near opened. A group of people passed in. The glimpse caught by the two men was a glimpse of bright, flower decorated rooms, beautiful dresses, glittering jewels and a table heaped with luxuries of food. It was the paradise

"Christians must give themselves to humanity."

of society, the display of its ease, its soft enjoyment of pretty things, its careless indifference to humanity's pain in the lower town. The group of newcomers went in, a strain of music and the echo of a dancing laugh floated out into the street, and then the door closed.

"Mr. Strong, if you preach to the people to leave such pleasure as that we have just glanced at to view or suffer such things as are found in the tenements, you must expect opposition. I doubt if they will understand your meaning. I know they will not do any such thing. It is asking too much."

"And yet the Lord Jesus Christ, 'although he was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we, through his poverty, might be rich.' Mr. Winter, what this town needs is that kind of Christianity, the kind that will give up the physical pleasures of life to show the love of Christ to perishing men. I believe it is just as true now as when Christ lived, that unless they are willing to renounce all that they have they cannot be his disciples."

"Do you mean literally, Mr. Strong?" asked the rich man after a little.

"Yes, literally, sometimes. I believe the awful condition of things and souls we have witnessed tonight will not be any better until many, many of the professing Christians in this town and in Calvary church are willing to leave, actually to leave their beautiful homes and spend the money they now spend in luxuries for the good of the weak and poor and sinful."

"Do you think Christ would preach that if he were in Milton?"

"I do. It has been burned into me that he would. I believe he would say to the members of Calvary church: 'If any man love houses and money and society and power and position more than me, he cannot be my disciple. If any man renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.' And then he would test the entire church by its willingness to renounce all these physical things. And if he found the members willing, if he found that they loved him more than the money or the power, he might not demand a literal giving up. But he would say to them, 'Take my money and my power, for it is all mine, and use them for the building up of my kingdom.' He would not then perhaps command them to leave literally their beautiful surroundings. But, then, in some cases I believe he would. Oh, yes! Sacrifice, sacrifice! What does the church in America in this age of the world know about it? How much do church members give of themselves nowadays to the Master? That is what we need—self, the souls of men and women, the living sacrifices for these lost children down yonder! O God, to think of what Christ gave up! And then to think of how little his church is doing to obey his last command to go and disciple the nations!"

Philip went back through the avenue on which the churches stood. When he reached Calvary church, he went up on the steps, and, obeying an instant impulse, he kneeled down on the upper step and prayed. Great sobs shook him. They were sobs without tears—sobs that were articulate here and there with groans of anguish and desire. He prayed for his loved church, for the wretched beings in the hell of torment, without God and without hope in the world, for the spirit of Christ to come again into the heart of the church and teach it the meaning and extent of sacrifice.

When the eventful Sunday came he faced the usual immense concourse. He did not come out of the little room until the last moment. When he finally appeared, his face bore marks of tears. At last they had flowed as a relief to his burden, and he gave the people his message with a courage and a peace and a love born of direct communion with the Spirit of Truth.

As he went on people began to listen in amazement. He had begun by giving them a statement of facts concerning the sinful, needy, desperate condition of life in the place. He then rapidly sketched the contrast between the surroundings of the Christian and non-Christian people, between the workingmen and the church members.

"Disciples of Jesus," he exclaimed, "the time has come when our Master demands of us some token of our discipleship greater than the giving of a little money or the giving of a little work and time to the solution of the great problem of modern society and of our own city. The time has come when we must give ourselves. The time has come when we must renounce, if it is best, if Christ asks it, the things we have so long counted dear—the money, the luxury, the houses—and go down into the tenement district, to live there and work there with the people. I do not wish to be misunderstood here. I do not believe our modern civilization is an absurdity. I do not believe Christ if he were here today would demand of us foolish things. But this I do believe he would require—ourselves. We must give ourselves in some way that will mean real, genuine, downright and decided self sacrifice. If Christ were here he would say to some of you, as he said to the young man, 'Sell all you have and give to the poor, and come, follow me.' And if you were unwilling to do it he would say you could not be his disciples. The test of discipleship is the same now as then; the price is no less on account of the lapse of 2,000 years. Eternal life is something which has only one price, and that is the same always. Members of Calvary church, I solemnly believe the time has come when it is our duty to go into the tenement district and redeem it by the power of personal sacrifice and personal presence. Nothing less will answer. To accomplish this great task, to bring back to God this great part of his kingdom, I believe we ought to spend our time, our money, ourselves. It is a sin for us to live at our pleasant ease, in enjoyment of all good things, while men and women and children by the thousand are dying, body and soul, before our very eyes in need of the blessings of Christian civilization in our power to share with them. We cannot say it is not our business. We cannot excuse ourselves on the plea of our own business. This is our first business, to love God and man with all our might.

"This problem before us calls for all our Christian discipleship. Every heart in this church should cry out this day, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?' And each soul must follow the commands that he honestly hears. Out of the depths of the black abyss of human want and sin and despair and anguish and rebellion in this place and over the world rings in my ear a cry for help that by the grace of God I truly believe cannot be answered by the church of Christ on earth until the members of that church are willing in great numbers to give all their money, and all their time, and all their homes, and all their luxuries, and all their accomplishments, and all their artistic tastes, and all themselves to satisfy the needs of the generation as it looks for the heart of the bleeding Christ in the members of the church of Christ. Yea, truly, except a man is willing to renounce all that he hath, he cannot be his disciple. Does Christ ask any member of Calvary church to renounce all and go down into the tenement district to live Christ there? Yes, all.

"My beloved, if Christ speaks so to you today listen and obey. Service! Self! That is what he wants. And if he asks for all, when all is needed, what then? Can we sing that hymn with any Christian honesty of heart unless we interpret it literally?

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!"

It would partly describe the effect of this sermon on Calvary church to say, what was a fact, that when Philip ended and then kneeled down by the side of the desk to pray the silence was painful, and the intense feeling provoked by his remarkable statements was felt in the appearance of the audience as it remained seated after the benediction. But the final result was yet to show itself; that result was not visible in the Sunday audience.

The next day Philip was unexpectedly summoned out of Milton to the parish of his old college chum. His old friend was thought to be dying. He had sent for Philip. Philip, whose affection for him was second only to that which he gave his wife, went at once. His friend was almost gone. He rallied when Philip came, and then for two weeks his life swung back and forth between this world and the next. Philip staid on, and so was gone one Sunday from his pulpit in Milton. Then the week following, as Alfred gradually came back from the shore of that other world, Philip, assured that he would live, returned home.

During that ten days' absence serious events had taken place in Calvary church. Philip reached home on Wednesday. He at once went to the house and greeted his wife and the Brother Man and William, who was now sitting up in the large room.

He had not been home more than an hour when the greatest dizziness came over him. He sat up so much with his chum that he was entirely worn out. He went up stairs to lie down on his couch in his small study. He instantly fell asleep and dreamed that he was standing on the platform of Calvary church preaching. It was the first Sunday of a month. He thought he said something the people did not like. Suddenly a man in the audience raised a revolver and fired at him. At once from over the house people aimed revolvers at him and began to fire. The noise was terrible, and in the midst of it he awoke to feel to his amazement that his wife was kneeling at the side of his couch, sobbing with a heartache that was terrible to him. He was instantly wide awake and her dear head clasped in his arms. And when he prayed her to tell him the matter she sobbed out the news to him which her faithful, loving heart had concealed from him while he was at the bedside of his friend. And even when the news of what the church had done in his absence had come to him fully through her broken recital of it he did not realize it until she placed in his hands the letter which the church had voted to be written, asking him to resign his pastorate of Calvary church. Even then he fingered the envelope in an absent way, and for an instant his eyes left the bowed form of his wife and looked out beyond the sheds over to the tenements. Then he opened the letter and read it.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Philip read the letter through without lifting his eyes from the paper or making any comment. It was as follows:

Rev. Philip Strong, Calvary Church, Milton:

As clerk of the church I am instructed to inform you of the action of the church at a regularly called meeting last Monday night. At that meeting it was voted by a majority present that you be asked to resign the pastorate of Calvary church for the following reasons:

First.—There is a very widespread discontent on the part of the church membership on account of the use of the church for Sunday evening discussions of social, political and economic questions and the introduction into the pulpit of persons whose character and standing are known to be hostile to the church and its teachings.

Second.—The business men of the church, almost without exception, are agreed and so expressed themselves at the meeting that the sermon of Sunday before last was exceedingly dangerous in its tone and liable to lead to the gravest results in acts of lawlessness and anarchy on the part of people who are already inflamed to deeds of violence against property and wealth. Such preaching, in the opinion of the majority of pew owners and supporters of Calvary church, cannot be allowed or the church will inevitably lose its standing in society.

Third.—It is the fixed determination of a majority of the oldest and most influential members of Calvary church to withdraw from the organization all support under the present condition of affairs. The trustees announced that the pledges for church support had already fallen off very largely, and last Sunday less than half the regular amount was received. This was ascribed to the sermon of the first of the month.

Fourth.—The vacation of the parsonage and the removal of the minister into the region of the tenement district have created an intense feeling on the part of a large number of families who have for years been firm supporters and friends of the church. They feel that the action was altogether uncalled for, and they think it has been the means of disrupting the church and throwing matters into confusion, besides placing the church in an unfavorable light with the other churches and the community at large.

Fifth.—It was the opinion of a majority of the members present that, while much of the spirit exhibited by yourself was highly commendable, yet in view of all the facts it would be expedient for the pastoral relation to be severed. The continuance of that relation seemed to promise only added disturbance and increased antagonism in the church. It was the well nigh unanimous verdict that your plans and methods might succeed to your better satisfaction with a constituency made up of nonchurch people and that possibly your own inclinations would lead you to take the step which the church has thought wisest and best for all concerned.

It is my painful duty as the clerk of Calvary church to write thus plainly the action of the church and the specific reasons for that action. A council will be called to review our proceedings and advise with reference to the same. In behalf of the church, ——, Clerk.

Philip finished the letter and lifted his eyes again. And again he looked out through the window across the sheds to the roofs of the tenements. From where he sat he could also see, across the city, up on the rising ground, the spire of Calvary church. It rose distinct and cold against the gray December sky. The air was clear and frosty, the ground was covered with snow, and the roofs of the tenements showed black and white patches where the thinner snow had melted. He was silent so long that his wife became frightened.

"Philip! Philip!" she cried as she threw her arms about his neck and drew his head down nearer. "They have broken your heart! They have killed you! There is no love in the world any more!"

"No, no!" he cried suddenly. "You must not say that. You make me doubt. There is the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. But, oh, for the church, the church which he loved and for which he gave himself!"

"But it is not the church of Christ that has done this thing."

"Nevertheless it is the church in the world," he replied. "Tell me, Sarah, how this was kept so secret from me."

"You forget. You were so entirely absorbed in the care of Alfred, and then the church meeting was held with

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closed doors. Even the papers did not know the whole truth at once. I kept it from you as long as I could. Oh, it was cruel, so cruel!"

"Little woman," spoke Philip very gently and calmly, "this is a blow to me. I did not think the church would do it. I hoped"— He paused, and his voice trembled for a brief moment, then grew quiet again. "I hoped I was gradually overcoming opposition. It seems I was mistaken. It seems I did not know the feeling in the church."

He looked out of the window again and was silent. Then he asked: "Are they all against me? Was there no one to stand up for me?" The question came with a faint smile that was far more heartbreaking to his wife than a flood of tears. She burst into a sob.

"Yes, you have friends. Mr. Winter fought for you—and others."

"Mr. Winter—my old enemy! That was good. And there were others?"

"Yes, quite a number. But nearly all the influential members were against you. Philip, you have been blind to all this."

"Do you think so?" he asked simply. "Maybe that is so. I have not thought of people so much as of the work which needed to be done. I have tried to do as my Master would have me. But I have lacked wisdom or tact or something."

"No, it is not that. Do you want to know what I think?" His wife fondly stroked the hair back from his forehead as she sat on the couch by him.

"Yes, little woman, tell me." To his eyes his wife never seemed so beautiful or dear as now. He knew that they were one in this their hour of trouble.

"Well, I have learned to believe since you came to Milton that if Jesus Christ were to live on the earth in this century and become the pastor of almost any large and wealthy and influential church and preach as he would have to the church would treat him just as Calvary church has treated you. The world would crucify Jesus Christ again even after 2,000 years of historical Christianity."

Philip did not speak. He looked out again toward the tenements. The winter day was drawing to its close. The church spire still stood out sharp cut against the sky. Finally he turned to his wife, and almost with a groan he uttered the words: "Sarah, I do not like to believe it. The world is full of the love of Christ. It is not the same world as Calvary saw."

"No. But by what test are nominal Christians and church members tried today? Is not the church in America and England a church in which the scribes and pharisees, hypocrites, are just as certainly found as they were in the old Jewish church? And would not that element crucify Christ again if he spoke as plainly now as then?"

Again Philip looked out of the window. His whole nature was shaken to its foundation.

"I have made mistakes. I have been lacking in tact. I have needlessly offended the people," he said to his wife, yielding almost for the first time to a great fear and distrust of himself, for the letter asking his resignation had shaken him as once he thought impossible. "I have tried to preach and act as Christ would, but I have failed to interpret him aright. Is it not so, Sarah?"

His wife was reluctant to speak. But her true heart made answer: "No, Philip, you have interpreted him too faithfully. You may have made mistakes. All ministers do, but I honestly believe you have preached as Christ would preach against the great selfishness and hypocrisy of this century. The same thing would have happened to him."

They talked a little longer, and then Philip said:

"Let us go down and see the Brother Man. Somehow I feel like talking to him."

So they went down stairs and into the room where the invalid was sitting with the old man. William was able to walk about now and had been saying that he wanted to hear Philip preach as soon as he could get to church.

"Well, Brother Man," said Philip, with something like his old heartiness of manner, "have you heard the news? Othello's occupation's gone."

The Brother Man seemed to know all about it. Whether he had heard of it through some of the church people or not Mr. Strong did not know. He looked at Mr. Strong calmly. There was a loving sympathy in his voice, but no trace of compassion or wonder. Evidently he had not been talking of the subject to any one.

"I knew it would happen," he said. "You have offended the rulers."

"What would you do, Brother Man, in my place? Would you resign?" Philip thought back to the time when the Brother Man had asked him why he did not resign.

"Don't they ask you to?"

"Yes."

"Do you think it is the wish of the whole church?"

"No, there are some who want me to stay."

"How do you feel about it?" The Brother Man put the question almost timidly. Philip replied without hesitation:

"There is only one thing for me to do. It would be impossible for me to remain after what has been done."

The Brother Man nodded his head as if in approval. He did not seem disturbed in the least. His demeanor was the most perfect expression of peace that Philip ever saw.

"We shall have to leave this house, Brother Man," said Sarah, feeling with Philip that he did not grasp the meaning of the event.

"Yes, in the Father's house there are many mansions," replied the Brother Man. Then as Mr. and Mrs. Strong sat there in the gathering gloom the old man said suddenly, "Let us pray together about it."

He kneeled down and offered the most remarkable prayer that they had ever heard. It seemed to them that, however the old man's mind might be affected, the part of him that touched God in the communion of audible prayer was absolutely free from any weakness or disease. It was a prayer that laid its healing balm on the soul of Philip and soothed his trouble into peace. When the old man finished, Philip felt almost cheerful again. He went out and helped his wife a few minutes in some work about the kitchen. And after supper he was just getting ready to go out to inquire after a sick family near by when there was a knock at the door.

It was a messenger boy with a telegram. Philip opened it almost mechanically and, carrying it to the light, read:

Alfred died at 4 p. m. Can you come?

For a second he did not realize the news. Then as it rushed upon him he staggered and would have fallen if the table had not been so close. A faintness and a pain seized him, and for a minute he thought he was falling. Then he pulled himself together and called his wife, who was in the kitchen. She came in at once, noticing the peculiar tone of his voice.

"Alfred is dead!" He was saying the words quietly as he held out the telegram.

"Dead! And you left him getting better! How dreadful!"

"Do you think so? He is at rest. I must go up there at once. They expect me." He still spoke quietly, stilling the tumult of his heart's anguish for his wife's sake. This man, his old college chum, was very dear to him. The news was terrible to him.

Nevertheless he made his preparations to go back to his friend's home. It is what either would have done in the event of the other's death. And so he was gone from Milton until after the funeral and did not return until Saturday. In those three days of absence Milton was stirred by events that grew out of the action of the church.

[CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.]

Bobbie—"Pop, what is a divine healer?" Papa—"A female physician, my son."—*Somerville Journal.*

Mother and Doctor Too

Until the doctor comes, and for minor ills and accidents, the mother must doctor her family. Tens of thousands of mothers have relied upon JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT, and have found it always reliable. It is used both *externally and internally* and it is *the* remedy for inflammation from any cause. Used continually for 90 years as a household remedy, its sustained popularity and increasing use every year are the best possible testimonials to its curative powers.

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is of greatest value in treating colic, cramps, diarrhœa, cholera morbus, bites, bruises, burns, stings, chafing, colds, coughs, croup, catarrh, bronchitis, la grippe, lameness, muscle soreness and pain and inflammation in any part of the body. Sold in two size bottles, 25c. and 50c. The larger size is more economical. If your dealer hasn't it send to us. Ask first.

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CENTRAL VERMONT RAILWAY CO.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

CORRECTED TO JAN. 1, 1900.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

LEAVE Brattleboro, 8.00 a. m. and 4.25 p. m. for New London, connecting at Millers Falls with Fitchburg R. R., at Belchertown with Central Mass. R. R., and at Palmer with B. & A. R. R. for Worcester, Boston and Springfield; at New London with the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.

LEAVE Amherst, 9.12 a. m. and 5.50 p. m.

LEAVE Palmer, 10.00 a. m., 1.40 and 6 p. m. for New London and intermediate stations.

LEAVE Brattleboro, 10.25 a. m. for Millers Falls and points on Fitchburg R. R.

GOING NORTH.

LEAVE New London, 5.20 a. m. and 2.40 p. m for Palmer, Brattleboro and intermediate stations. The 5.20 a. m. connects from New York via Norwich Line.

LEAVE New London 7.40 a. m. for Palmer and intermediate stations.

LEAVE Palmer for Brattleboro, 8.20 a. m. and 6.50 p. m., connecting with express for Montreal and the West via G. T. R. R.

LEAVE Millers Falls for Brattleboro 9.49 a. m., 12.15 p. m. and 8.08 p. m.

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Trains run week days only.

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BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

(CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS).

Winter arrangement, in effect Oct 2, 1899.

TRAINS LEAVE WARE.

EAST BOUND.

FOR Boston—6.49, 9.00 a. m.; 3.16 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

RETURNING—Leave Boston 8.10 a. m.; 1.35, 4.00 p. m. Sundays, 1.15 p. m.

FOR Worcester—6.49, 9.00 a. m.; 3.16 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

RETURNING—Leave Worcester 9.05 a. m.; 2.30, 4.58 p. m.

FOR Oakdale, Hudson and Waltham—6.49, 9.00 a. m.; 3.16 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

FOR Gilbertville, Barre and Cold Brook—6.49, 9.00 a. m.; 3.16 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

TRAINS leave Bondsville for Ware and points east at 6.33, 8.46 a. m.; 3.02 p. m., (7.00 p. m. Ware only). Sundays 6.38 a. m.

RETURNING trains same as for Ware.

WEST BOUND.

FOR Bondsville, Belchertown, Pansy Park, Amherst, Hadley and Northampton, 6.52, 10.57 a. m.; 4.28, 5.47 p. m. Sundays, 4.31 p. m.

RETURNING—Leave Northampton 5.50, 8.00 a. m.; 2.15, 6.00 p. m. Sundays, 5.55 a. m.

TRAINS leave Bondsville for Northampton and way stations 7.05, 11.11, a. m.; 4.45, 7.00 p. m.

Sundays, 4 p. m.

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And I'll tell you what sort of a light you're getting. If it's a poor oil—you're getting a poor light. Nothing surer. If it's our

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You have real lamp luxury. No charred wicks, no disagreeable odors, no smoky chimneys. If lamps are worth having, tell your dealer to supply you hereafter with our Centennial Water White Oil. Made by

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It rests with you whether you continue the nerve-killing tobacco habit. NO-TO-BAC removes the desire for tobacco, without nervous distress, saves nicotine, purifies the blood, restores lost manhood, makes you strong in health, nerve and pocket. 50c. and $1.00, all druggists, or by mail. 500,000 boxes sold. 400,000 cases cured. Buy your own druggist, who will vouch for us. Take it with us will, patiently, persistently. One box, $1, usually cures; 3 boxes, $2.50, guaranteed to cure, or we refund money. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago, Montreal, New York.

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Liebig Company's Extract of Beef

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telling how to prepare many delicate and delicious dishes.

Address Liebig Co., P. O. Box 2718, New York.

Best for the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. CASCARETS help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy natural movements, costs you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. CASCARETS Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C. C. C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

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To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 15c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Facts for Women

Any article, whatever its merit, must be made known to the public by means of advertising. Advertising, however, though it can do much for a thing, cannot do everything. It may create a sale for a time, but in order to insure a lasting demand the thing advertised must have solid worth.

This is the case with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It has solid worth.

Women everywhere have learned this fact, and the result is that there is a lasting and absolutely unequaled demand for it. It has the largest sale of any remedy for female ills in the world, and this has been the case for years.

The reason for this is that Mrs. Pinkham claims nothing that she is not entitled to claim. She can do all that she says she can do, and her twenty years of experience make her advice invaluable. Her experience has been not only long but world-wide, and she has helped more women back to health than any one else in the world. These facts should, and do, have immense weight with all sensible women. Remember these are not wild statements but solid facts.

Facts About the Good Being Done by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in Cases of Change of Life, Bearing-Down Pains, Etc.

"I had falling, inflammation and ulceration of the womb; backache, bearing-down pains; was so weak and nervous that I could not do my own work; had sick headache, no appetite, numb spells, hands and feet cold all the time. I had good doctors, but none of them did me any good. Through the advice of a lady friend I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and after taking one bottle I felt greatly relieved, and by the time I had used several bottles was completely cured, so that I could do my work again. I am now passing through the change of life and using your Compound. It helps me wonderfully. I want every suffering woman to know what your medicine has done for me."—MRS. W. M. BELL, New Palestine, Mo.

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saved my life and gave back a loving mother to eleven children, which was more than any doctor could have done or any other medicine in the wide world. My trouble was childbed fever. The third day after my babe was born I took a chill, which was followed by a high fever. I would perspire until my clothes were as wet as though dipped in a tub of water. The chills and fever kept up for three days. My daughter got me a bottle of your Compound. The fourth dose stopped the chills, and the fever also disappeared. My life was saved. My age at this critical time was forty-nine."—LYDIA E. BOUGHER, Etna, Pa.

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"I suffered for fifteen years without finding any relief. I tried doctors, but nothing seemed to do me any good. I had falling of the womb, leucorrhœa, pain in the back and head, and those bearing-down pains. One bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did me so much good that I sent for four more, also two boxes of Liver Pills and one package of Sanative Wash. After using these I felt like a new woman."—MRS. G. A. WINTER Glidden, Ia., Box 220.

"I was suffering with falling of the womb, painful menstruation, headache, backache, pain in groins, extending into the limbs; also a terrible pain at left of womb. The pain in my back was dreadful during menstruation, and my head would ache until I would be nearly crazy. Lydia E.

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KELLEY, W. H., Attorney and Counselor at Law. Quaboag Block.

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Bradley's, and
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FERTILIZERS.

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D. W. FOSKIT,
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Have a full line of

Groceries,
Flour,
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F. F. MARCY, PALMER, MASS.
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
ALL KINDS OF LUMBER AND SHINGLES
Windows, doors, blinds, mouldings. Carpenters' and joiners' work done to order.
Also FIRE BRICK and CLAY for sale.
Yard and shop at junction of B. & A. and N. L. N. Yards—west of Depot.

Start the Summer Right.

Shirt Waists.

We have just received a large assortment of varied and stylish seasonable patterns, at prices that will double the comfort of these necessities.

In Gingham, Percales and Lawns.

At 50, 59, 75, 87, $1, $1.25, and $1 50.

Do not fail to see our line of these goods.

Ladies' Fine Gauge Summer Undervests.

At 10, 12 1-2, 15, 17, and 20c.

Also in Lisle Thread and Mercerized Silk, at 25c.

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Full line new goods.

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Ordinary size, 25c
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All sorts Garden and Flower Seeds in packages.

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Sweet Peas Mixed.
Nasturtiums.
Lettuce—Hanson Head.
Carrot—Danvers Long.
Beet—Early Blood, Turnip
Turnip—Purple Top, Yellow Globe.

Peas. Extra Early Varieties.

Dan O'Rourke.
American Wonder.
McLean's Little Gem.

Half Dwarf. Second Early.
Medium and Late Sorts.

McLean's Advancer
Bliss Abundance.
Improved Strategem.
Everbearing.
Yorkshire Hero or Dwarf Champion.

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Champion of England.
Black Eyed Marrowfat.

Beans.

Early Long Yellow, six weeks.
Golden Wax.
Black Wax.
Large White Lima.
Burpee's Bush Lima.
Dwarf Horticultural or Speckled Cranberry

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Onion Sets.

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COME AND SEE ME.

An interview, which costs you nothing, may be to our mutual interest.

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Whatever you may want may be obtained through me. Will act as agent either buying or selling. Have had fair success as agent for others.

"What has been done, may be done."

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Want to dispose of 7 Sheep.

PRICE REASONABLE.

Bellts Fencing Co.
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SEND FOR CIRCULAR

Best Fence for Cattle, Horses and Sheep; have quantities on hand, cheap.

D. F. HOLDEN,
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LeGro's Cherry Balsam.

For Coughs, Colds and Lung Troubles.

A family medicine for baby and adult. It should be in every household.

LeGro's Drug Store,
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SMITH & MURRAY,
SPRINGFIELD.

The selling of fine French Flowers

Began yesterday with a rush. It pales into insignificance all ordinary sales.

Hundreds of new boxes of these Fine French Flowers go on sale to-day.

It is a result of the purchase of the bankrupt stock of

F. BIANCHI & CO., Importers, N. Y.,

who failed at the beginning of the season's Millinery business. It comprises his stock and sample of every conceivable style of Flowers for Millinery extant this season. All handsome, fresh goods.

A partial list of kinds:

Purple Violets	Lily of the Valley
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Moss Roses	White Lilacs
Jack Roses	Puple Lilacs
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Daisy Wreaths	Geraniums
Mixed Wreaths	Cotton Blossoms
Bluebells	Rosebuds
Honeysuckle	Purple Iris
Carnations	White Iris
Wisteria	Gilyflower
Pansies	Myrtle
Tulips	Bachelor's Buttons
Chrysanthemums	

Choice of these Fine French Flowers

25c each.

A fair estimate of their worth is from 50c to $2.00.

Millinery stores and other dealers may join the throng here to-day.

Center store.

SMITH & MURRAY,
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INSURANCE

of every kind placed at short notice, and all favors duly appreciated.

Yours truly,
S. H. HELLYAR.

Office at Ridge's Food Factory.

If your buildings are not insured.

If your insurance has nearly expired.

Come and see me.

I will place your property in the best of companies.

I am also agent for the

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Take out an accident policy.
If you should get hurt they will take care of you.

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Spring Wear for Ladies.

An elegant line of

Beautiful Silk Waists

From $6 to $22. As fine an assortment as you ever saw. Also

Elegant Tailor-Made Suits.

Just what you want, all prices. And the finest assortment of

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You ever saw.

Wait for my wagon.

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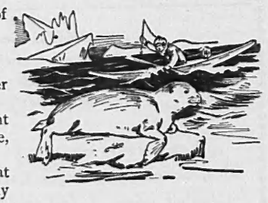
THE PENALTY OF POPULARITY



sometimes is death, as in the case of the fur seal.

He is very well thought of.

What is the result?

He is sought after, even under the cannon of revenue cutters.

Men risk fine and imprisonment to make his intimate acquaintance, but it means death to the seal.

There is another sort of seal that may be cultivated without risk to any one concerned.

It is the seal used to indicate the best coffees on the market, Chase & Sanborn's.

This is the seal that has become valuable because the public know when they see it that the cans or richly colored parchment-lined imported bags on which it appears contains a coffee to which there is no superior.

Like everything else, you must pay a few cents more for the best, but purity, quality which means health and satisfaction, which only can come when the best is used, is worth the difference in price.

Chase & Sanborn's Seal on coffee packages signalizes the endorsement by a firm who have built up an enviable reputation of being dealers in the finest coffee imported into America.

CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES.

Ready to Leave Your Order

...FOR...

Garden and Grass Seed?

Fresh and new stock, a large variety, many new kinds, Choice FLOWER SEED, our Sweet Peas were grown for us in California. You will surely find the kind and color you wish if you come early before assortment is broken.

E. A. Buck & Co.,

Plows, Harrows and Cultivators,

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A **common tarred paper** was all right for your grandfathers to use as inside lining and outside covering of their buildings, — but a fabric has been produced which, while thinner, has greater strength, toughness, and wearing qualities.

It is known as the ***Neponset Waterproof Red Rope Fabric.*** It is a splendid roof and side covering for outbuildings, and takes the place of back plaster in dwellings. It is proof against wind, water, frost, and insures warm, dry buildings, and is much cheaper than shingles or clapboards.

For inside lining Neponset Black Building Paper is very inexpensive. It is also waterproof, odorless, and clean. Hundreds of farmers are using this paper to-day, and repairing buildings at slight cost.

For full information and samples apply to

E. A. BUCK & CO.
PALMER, MASS.
Hardware and Oils.

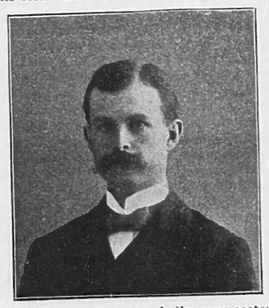
DEATH OF REV. O. G. PETRIE.

Pastor of St. Paul's Universalist Church of Palmer.

THE END CAME EARLY THIS MORNING

Tubercular Meningitis the Cause. Had Been Sick Only a Few Weeks.

The death of Rev. O. G. Petrie, pastor of the Universalist church of Palmer, which occurred about 12 o'clock this morning, will come as a shock to a wide circle of friends, not only in his own town but through a much larger region in which he had become known and greatly liked. Not only had he greatly endeared himself to the people of his own congregation and faith, but throughout the town he was known, respected and loved by many in all denominations who will sincere mourn his loss. His death comes with greater



shock because it was wholly unexpected until within a few days. He had been in poor health for some time, and a few weeks ago was examined at the hospital in Rutland, where one lung was pronounced slightly affected with tuberculosis, but it was thought could be readily cured, and April 2d he went to one hospital for treatment. The change failed to agree with him however, and in a short time he was compelled to take to his bed, the cause being considered to be the change of altitude. It was decided just before Easter that he would be unable to take the hospital treatment, and on Patriots' Day he was brought home. His condition at once became serious, and it was found that he was suffering from tubercular meningitis, it soon being determined that there was no hope for him. He seemed better on Saturday and Sunday, but the improvement was only temporary.

Omer Genere Petrie was born in El Drado, in the Miami Valley, Ohio, in 1870, the son of a farmer. After graduating from the high school of his native town he taught for two years. He became a member of the Universalist church in El Drado at the age of 16, under the ministry of Rev. J. H. Blackford, father of Rev. Harry Blackford, until recently pastor of the Universalist church in Monson. Mr. Petrie was a student in Tufts Divinity School 1890-'94, graduating with very high honors. He was chosen chapel orator by the class of '94, his oration being on "The man himself," a plea for the free and perfect development of the individual by education, secular and religious, asserting him to be the true spring of culture and progress. Mr. Petrie preached at Abington, Mass., during the summer of '91, and in East Eddington, Maine, during the summers of 1892-'93. He was called to Canton, Mass., in December, 1893, while a student at Tufts, and was successful in his pastorate there. He was a regular contributor to *Onward*, the official organ of the Y. P. C. U., since 1892, and was associated with Rev. G. W. Grose as its editor in 1894. He was very prominent in the Y. P. C. U., and was recognized as one of the Union's valuable workers. He was vice president of the Massachusetts organization during 1895-'96, successfully assisting President Bissell in the conduct of rallies throughout the state, and in September of '96 was elected president of the organization at its annual convention in Haverhill. In 1898 at the national convention of the union he was chosen treasurer of the National Y. P. C. U. Mr. Petrie was elected a member of the school committee of Palmer in 1899, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. A. Breckenridge.

Rev. Mr. Petrie was extended a call by the Universalist church in Palmer December 22, 1896. He had preached two sermons as a candidate and impressed the church people as being the right man for the place. He was well known by some of the parishioners and came highly recommended by several Universalist pastors. He was the only candidate heard by the church, received a unanimous call, and was installed within two months after the resignation of Rev. Mr. Moulton, the former pastor. The recognition of Mr. Petrie as pastor of the church was held on Tuesday evening, February 16, 1897, and a large number of the members of the other churches of the town were present to witness the ceremony, which was simple and impressive. The services commenced with an invocation and a lesson from the Scripture read by Rev. C. R. Minard, at that time pastor of the local Baptist church. After a selection by the choir, Rev. J. F. Albion, a former pastor of the church, then of Malden, delivered a sermon; Rev. F. E. Jenkins, pastor of the Congregational church, welcomed him to the town, and Rev. Charles Conklin of Springfield addressed the society.

Rev. Mr. Petrie was married to Miss Alice F. Harrington of Canton, who survives him, in the Universalist church in that town on Monday, July 11, 1898. He also leaves a father and mother.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the church.

FASTER TIME ON B. & A.

New Trains and New Schedule to Go On Next Sunday.

The Boston and Albany road will put a new time schedule into effect next Sunday, and in connection will add several new trains and quicken up the running time of some of the old ones 10 or 15 minutes. There are few changes in the time of the present trains at the Palmer station. The evening accommodation from the east now arriving at 5.22 will be changed to 5 23; the Sunday evening New York express now stopping at 6.06 will hereafter stop only to leave passengers, but in place of this will be a new train leaving Palmer for Springfield at 5 20, leaving Springfield to return at 7.45 and arriving in Palmer at 8.10; a new Sunday train will arrive from Boston at 11 21 a. m., but will not run next Sunday, as its opposite, a western train, will not be through. Going east the "Governor's" train, now leaving at 10 a. m., will be quickened up 10 minutes to Boston, arriving there at 11 50 instead of 12, the train leaving Palmer at the same time as now but shortening the schedule east of here, making the time two hours and 10 minutes from Springfield to the Hub; the 11.40 a. m accommodation from the west will be changed to 11 35, and the New York express now passing without stopping at 1.13 p. m. will hereafter stop, also at Warren at 1.34, West Brookfield at 1 38 and East Brookfield at 1.48, arriving in Boston at 3 30; a new train will leave Springfield at 2.53, but will not stop at Palmer; the western express now stopping at 6.49 will be changed to 6 54, and will run seven days a week. On the Ware River branch the 11.45 a. m. train to Gilbertville will be changed to 11 40; the Sunday train now arriving from Barre Plains at 9.55 a. m. will be changed to 11 08, and the evening train will be changed from 5.30 to 5.40.

LETTER FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

A Former Palmer Woman Tells of Present Conditions There.

The following extract from a private letter from Miss Julia Underwood, daughter of Charles Underwood of Palmer, and well known in Monson, now in South Africa, will be of interest to her many friends in this vicinity.

LADYBRAND, FEB, 21st, 1900.

My last letter was written in January and since then many changes have taken place. We thought the war had made us wretched enough then, but that was like a drop in the bucket compared to now. They have come to the conclusion that the natives will remain quiet and as the need of more men is felt at the front they have at three different times sent men from here so that now there are only two hundred men in camp here, and if the Basutos should rise we are lost, but I do not feel afraid of any such thing happening. It is a most heart rending sight when they commander (draft) the men; they usually receive notice in the evening and must leave the next day. This means that the women must stay up all night baking, for they all take food with them. Their principle food is rusks, which is a sweetened biscuit cut open and browned in the oven until quite hard and dry. These they have to eat with their coffee. Just a week ago Mr. Radloff was sent away, and you have no conception how miserable they feel. He had been in camp here outside the town ever since the beginning of the war, but when ordered away he was allowed only two hours with his family before he left. I shall never forget the sight of men bidding good-bye to their families, some of the women have nearly died because of this. Until the 19th of February everything has been in favor of the Dutch, the English have not had one real victory, although they tell some wonderful tales of their beating the Boers. But since the 19th they have been entirely successful and have relieved Kimberly, which has been besieged for four months. They have entered the Free State to within nine hours or about fifty miles from the Capitol (Bloemfontein) and have captured Dordrect, a small place near Queenstown in the Colony. This place belonged to the English but has been taken and retaken several times during the fight. They have cut off communications from all sides so we cannot hear much from the seat of war. So direful is the need that even the stores were ordered closed and all men ordered to the front. You will probably recognize the name of Mr. Grant, the young fellow who lived with the Radloffs, well, nearly a month ago a farmer from Prieska, a town in Griqualand West, British territory, came to the Boers who were surrounding Kimberly and asked for a small force of men to go down there and proclaim this town for the Dutch, as three thousand men were living there who were anxious to join the Dutch side. Well, two hundred men were sent and Grant among them, but no one has heard from any of them since, so the belief is that they have been cut off and taken by the English. Then the English have cut the wires in several places so we shall not hear full particulars for a time. We are beginning to feel the effect of not getting any food stuffs, for coffee, rice and sugar have given but and soon other things will also be finished. The Radloffs are going to Hoopstad, so I am to be quite alone and now it is quite serious, for we are not able to collect any school fees, and I have only money enough for about three weeks, so things seem blue for me, but still I trust all will be right. We have not been sent out as nurses, for the supply of German ones was enough.

MONSON EXCURSIONISTS HOME.

They Had No Particularly Unpleasant Experience on the New England.

The Monson members of the New England's party of excursionists in the Mediterranean—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ellis. Mr. E. F. Morris and Miss Morris—returned home the last of last week. They were extremely fortunate in escaping with little or no annoyance from the sickness in the shape of small pox which broke out on board, for the reason that they traveled first-class and were not brought into contact with it. The only change in the plans of any of the party was that Mr. and Mrs. Morris were compelled to go overland from Rome to Liverpool instead of by boat. The first trouble appeared at Naples. There had been a number of cases of sickness on board, as would be expected in a party of about 250, but before arriving at Naples it was announced that there was small pox on board, and the ship's physician took the patients, isolating himself from the other passengers. At Naples the entire party left the ship on Monday for Rome; the most of them were to return on Saturday, while others were to take side trips before rejoining the boat. On Saturday notice was posted that the boat had left that day for Liverpool. As many of the party had expected to return to the boat they had left their clothing hanging in their staterooms; this was gathered into a bag, numbered, and put ashore. The condition of the clothing after it had gone across the continent in this manner can well be imagined. The Monson people had their wearing apparel packed in trunks, and this was not molested. Those of the party who had expected to return with the ship to Liverpool were left at Rome and had to pay their passage across the continent. In the party were a number of people who were traveling on short allowance above the actual cost of their ticket, and some of these had a hard time of it. The ship was at no time placed in quarantine previous to the return to Liverpool, and the report of deaths on board has been considerably exaggerated. One passenger died from other causes than small pox, and at least one person who was reported dead is alive and well to-day. With the party were also Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Holden, Miss Lula Holden and Mrs. W. C. Hitchcock of Bennington, Vt., formerly of Palmer.

GOLF CLUB FORMED.

Will Draw Membership From Towns of Palmer and Monson.

A meeting of those from Palmer and Monson interested in the formation of a golf club was held in the Memorial building in Monson, Wednesday evening. It was decided to form a club, the management of which is to be in the hands of a board of nine governors, which was elected as follows: D. F. Burritt, G. S. Holden, C. W. Hastings and J. H. Shaw of Palmer, G. C. Flynt, Dr. F. W. Ellis, Dr. H. A. Merchant, F. S. Chapman and R. H. Cushman of Monson. These elected the following officers: President, R. H. Cushman; vice president, C. W. Hastings; secretary, F. S. Chapman; treasurer, Dr. Merchant; assistant treasurer, J. H. Shaw. The board of managers has the appointing of the numerous committees, and will name them later when the membership of the club is larger than at the organization, as a large membership is expected from the numbers who have expressed a desire to join from the two towns included in the club jurisdiction, Palmer and Monson. That active work may be begun at once a committee consisting of R. H. Cushman, D. F. Burritt and G. C. Flynt was appointed to make all necessary purchases and arrangements.

The links will be located at North Monson, on ground owned by G. C. Flynt. Men have been at work for some time clearing the ground and burning the brush, etc., and when in working order the grounds will be in very good shape. For the present the club will have quarters in a large two-story house owned by Mr. Flynt at North Monson, which he has had refitted and repaired since its purchase by him some time ago. It is expected that a special feature of the club will be the social gatherings at the club house. Memberships in the club are being solicited, and another meeting is to be held next Tuesday evening. The annual fee for gentlemen will be $5, and for ladies $2 50.

FITCHBURG RAILROAD LEASE.

Statement Issued in Opposition to the Scheme.

ARGUMENTS ADDRESSED TO PUBLIC.

Danger of Abolishing Competition and Establishing Monopoly. Boston and Maine Methods.

The following statement of considerations against the leasing of the Fitchburg railroad to the Boston & Maine is given out by opponents of the measure:

The arguments used in favor of leasing the Fitchburg railroad to the Boston & Maine are simply that the Fitchburg stockholders will get an advance in dividends, and that the state will get a high price for its Fitchburg stock. There is practically no argument addressed to the general public, and the facts admit of none.

And first as to the stock: The Fitchburg stockholders have been receiving 4 per cent. Under the lease they are promised 5 per cent. So far, so good; but the Fitchburg directors, who must be held to know about the matter better than any other men, declare that the road is earning more than 4 per cent, and can itself pay more, even with the present plan of large expenditure for maintenance, kept up. Six and even seven per cent have been named. Because of this, and other considerations, the directors have voted against the lease.

The state holds 50,000 shares of Fitchburg common stock, which has a nominal value of 20 per cent of its par value, or $1,000,000. The lease provides that the Boston & Maine shall pay par for this stock, or $5,000,000—no less than $4,000,000 more than its nominal value, and this great sum is offered, it should be remembered, merely to get a tactical advantage in a campaign for possession of the property.

This side considered alone, would of course be an extremely good transaction for the state. But the sale of that stock is conditioned upon the lease of the Fitchburg road, so that what the state really sells is not simply some doubtful railroad stock, but railroad competition between Boston and the Hudson river. The state paid something like $30,000,000 to establish that competition. If the money was wasted, certainly the state should get anything it can out of the wreck. But if the $30,000,000 was spent wisely, it is surely foolish to sell the product now for $5,000,000, for the conditions are, if anything, worse in respect to competition than when the tunnel was built. For an answer to the question involved we must look to the towns which have grown up along the line of the Fitchburg road, and the advantage to the whole commonwealth from the competition the line has given. As to its actual operation perhaps nothing is more significant than the fact that in the last year reported, about 65 per cent of all export freight taken to Boston went over the Fitchburg road.

There is no suggestion of lower freight, or fares, or better service for the public with the consolidation. And it is plain that nothing of the sort is possible. With larger dividends promised, and interest on the added debt of $5,000,000 to pay, there must be either more money earned on the Fitchburg road, or less money spent there. Of course the property might be "skinned" to meet the case in a temporary way, but the necessity would soon be imperative for higher charges, and nobody familiar with such matters doubts that such charges would come from the first.

Many important towns in the state now enjoy direct competition between the Fitchburg and the Boston & Maine, which must suffer heavily if a lease ends it. It is true that such competition does not extend to the Hudson river; but the Vanderbilt power which seeks possession of the Boston & Albany road has very close relations with the ownership and management of the Boston & Maine, and it is more than hinted that both leases are part of a single plan, and that in the end, if both are successful, Massachusetts will have to face the situation with a single monopoly in control of all its important railroads.

The Boston & Maine system is the great railroad monopoly of New England, controlling and operating over 40 roads running through four states. The Boston & Maine railroad has, in proportion to its stock, an enormous burden of dividends and interest to pay on the securities of its leased lines, as well as interest on its own debt. Its earnings for the last four years have been but a trifle over 6 per cent of its gross income, with practically no advance from the business "boom," and it needs no argument to show that a margin so narrow is perilous to any business, and especially to a business so subject to fluctuations as railroad earnings. The situation of the road may be compared to that of a farmer who mortgages his own property, and hires a lot of adjoining farms, agreeing to pay for some more than can possibly be got from them, and still wants to hire another. A single bad season would send him to the poor house.

Distrust of the financial solidity of the Roston & Maine road was given as one reason for declining to approve the lease in the resolutions adopted by the Fitchburg directors, February 13, and the weakness was well indicated by President Tuttle himself, before a legislative committee in 1898. He was reported as saying thus: "The present situation of things was a real menace to the road. If another panic should come and the earnings of the road should be shrunk heavily, so that it was unable to pay the fixed charges, the roads making up the Boston & Maine system would go to pieces like a rope of sand."

This matter concerns every citizen of the state, because if disaster should overtake the Boston & Maine after leasing the Fitchburg, the effects would be spread the wider, and because the $5,000,000 in bonds given the state for stock would become worthless.

Residents of many parts of New England where it has a firm grip, need no information about as to the methods of the Boston & Maine monopoly; but it may be worth while to quote a paragraph that the Massachusetts railroad commissioners said about it in relation to the lease of the Connecticut River road in 1893, as follows:

"The division of more than a third part of the entire net assets of the lesser company among its stockholders on the eve of the lease, was a gross perversion of the trusts on which its franchises and property were held, and would have been a gross fraud upon the lessee if done without the full knowledge and consent of the latter. The assumption by the lessee company of an obligation to pay a perpetual dividend rental equivalent to 12 per cent on the entire capital stock of the lessor in the then denuded condition of the latter company — a burden which could be carried, if at all, only by shifting it upon the public by the exaction of excessive charges for transportation—was wholly unjustifiable both from a business standpoint and as against public polity. Taken as a whole and regarded in any light, it is safe to say that no more unconscionable transaction has occurred in the railroad history of the State."

Railroad consolidation is generally felt to involve a menace to the community, although there are exceptions. There is no public reason whatever in favor of this lease, but upon the other hand, many strong public considerations which tell against it. If public law and uniform official expressions of governors through many states mean anything, they mean that the State of Massachusetts is pledged against the consolidation of railroads having terminals in Boston, and especially to the destination of the Fitchburg as an independent line. The changes in the railroad world since the Hoosac tunnel was completed have not tended to diminish, but decidedly to increase the necessity for the competition established by its means, and there is no promise that the future will differ from the past in this respect. If the Fitchburg line was worth establishing to provide competition, it is richly worth keeping for the same purpose.

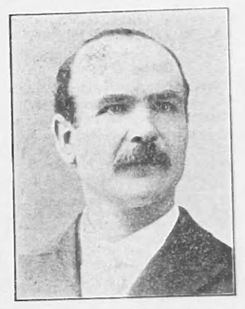
Citizens of Massachusetts poured money into the Hoosac tunnel route like water. Do they now want the state road to go into the endless chain of consolidated railroads? If they do, they have only to let the Boston & Maine monopoly have its way. If they do not they must act.

MONSON'S METHODIST MINISTER.

Third Generation of Preachers, and a Successful Worker.

Rev. Arthur W. L. Nelson, whom the New England conference has sent to the Methodist church at Monson, is about 43 years of age, and the third generation of preachers of the Methodist doctrines, his grandfather having been a member of the New England conference in 1820, but being transferred to the New Hampshire conference in 1829; Mr. Nelson's father was also a preacher and is still living in New Hampshire.

Mr. Nelson was born in Manchester,



N. H., and was educated in the public schools of that place until he fitted for college, which he did at Tilton Seminary, the conference school. His college and theological work were at Boston University, from which he was gradated in 1888. He joined the New Hampshire conference in 1886, and has held appointments in Salem and Milford in that state. He went to West Medway, Mass., in 1890, and while there took two years of post graduate work in Boston University. He was transferred to the New England conference in April, 1893, and has since been stationed at St. Andrew's at Jamaica Plain, and West Medford. Mr. Nelson has a good record as a preacher. In Salem he was eminently successful; at Milford he succeeded in raising a debt which had been hanging over the church for some time; at West Medway in the winter of '93 about 100 of the young people of the town were brought to a Christian life through his efforts; while at Jamaica Plain he raised a mission church to a condition of self-support.

In the pulpit Mr. Nelson always speaks without notes, preferring to see the faces of those in the audience rather than pages of manuscript. His family consists of a wife and daughter four years old.

JUSTICE TAKES A HAND.

And Imposes Corrective Penalties for Numerous Fractures of the Law.

Justice has been dealt out in a number of cases at the district court this week. Monday morning the judge was faced by three guilty men. Michael Cunningham was charged with drunkenness and was assessed $5, which he paid. Nelson Lamphear of Monson was charged with drunkenness and assault on his wife, Charity Lamphear, and was fined $20 on both cases, in default of which he was committed to the house of correction. The next individual's case was not so quickly disposed of, as it required some investigation. The prisoner, John Pabiyan of Three Rivers, was brought in by Officer J. J. Manning on the charge of drunkenness. The officer was summoned to Pabiyan's house shortly after midnight Saturday, where he found him acting violently and requiring the strength of several men to hold him. The man was dripping wet and some of those present informed the officer that he had jumped into the river twice in attempts to commit suicide. In court Monday the prisoner pleaded guilty, but the court thought it best that he be examined in regard to his sanity, so the case was continued until Tuesday. Monday afternoon Drs. L. H. Hendee and J. P. Schneider made an examination and found no indications of insanity whatever, completely exploding the suicide theory. He told the doctors a very plausible story. He said he had been drinking whisky, which had made his head feel bad and had made him very thirsty indeed; he desired to bathe his brow and quench his enormous thirst, so he went to the raceway of the river, where he knew that there would be sufficient water. He stooped down and losing his equilibrium fell into the water, which was about a foot in depth, and consequently was not as desirable a spot for ending his life as he would have chosen if he had any intention of such a rash act. As it was a clear case of intoxication and no case of insanity, when he came up Tuesday he was fined $10. Immediately upon the payment of his fine he made a rapid retreat from the halls of justice, not wishing to get further entangled with the law. Alexander Dominie of Three Rivers was up Tuesday morning on two charges of drunkenness. Officer Manning had an old warrant against him, and when he found him he was intoxicated, so two charges were made. He was fined $10 on each case, but was unable to pay and was sent up. The confinement for the second charge will begin on the expiration of the first.

Herbert Powers of Monson was in court Wednesday morning for taking a horse without right, and received a sentence of six months in the house of correction.

Fred A. Turner of Holyoke was brought before the district court yesterday morning by Officer Conroy for drunkenness. He was given two months in jail. Turner has been before the local district court a number of times previously, having been twice sentenced to Bridgewater and once to the Springfield jail.

Licenses and Night Police.

The selectmen made the rounds of the places for which liquor licenses were asked on Monday, and in the evening met and granted the licenses, as follows: Palmer, Converse House, Nassowanno House, L. W. Caryl & Co.; Three Rivers, D. J. Hartnett & Co.; Thorndike, T. J. Clifford; Bondsville, M. Moriarty & Co. Of these Messrs. Caryl, Clifford and Hartnett are changes from last year, displacing Dawson & Dawson, William Lawton and Mahoney and O'Keefe. The list was exactly what was predicted when the result of the election was made known in March. The vote on each place was unanimous.

The selectmen also settled the night police question for the Depot village by appointing T. J. Conroy, the officer for the past year. On this it is understood that the vote was not unanimous, standing two to three.

New Stamp Books Received.

Postmaster Shaw received his new stamp books early this week and has placed them on sale. The stamps are put up conveniently and on the covers of the books will be found valuable information. The books contain 12 and 24 two-cent stamps and sell for 25 and 49 cents, one cent being charged for the book.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 27, 1900.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Auction sale of cows and farming tools on the A. J. Northrop farm next Monday at 9.30 a. m.

Fresh lobsters to-morrow at McGilps market. As he boils them himself he knows that they are fresh and good.

PALMER NEWS.

THREE BONDSVILLE WEDDINGS.

Sullivan—Donohue.

Miss Margaret Sullivan was married to John Donohue at St. Bartholomew's church Wednesday at high noon, Rev. Fr. O'Gara officiating. The bride was dressed in white Swiss muslin trimmed with satin and lace, set off with a wreath of carnations, and carried a bouquet of 20 roses. She was attended by her sister Mary as bridesmaid, and John Donohue, nephew of the groom, was best man. The bridesmaid was also dressed in white and carried pink and white roses. The bridal party left for Boston on the 3 o'clock train. They will make their home for the present with the bride's mother on Main street, and will be ready to receive friends on and after to-morrow. Both young people being very popular in the village, they have many friends who wish them a successful married life.

Murray—Pigeon.

William Pigeon, son of Mrs. Angelique Pigeon, and Mary, daughter of William and Odella Murray of Bondsville, were united in marriage Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Anne's church at Three Rivers by Rev. Father Marchand. Leo Shanon acted as best man and Odel Murray as bridesmaid. The bride wore a dress of gray with a white silk front, and carried a bunch of pink and white roses. Her hat was of white chiffon with feathers to match. After the ceremony and congratulations the bride and groom took the 10 a. m. express to Boston, where they will stay for a short time and then go to Fall River, in which city they will make their residence. They will be at home to receive friends on and after next Monday. A few of the numerous presents received were a parlor lamp, table, chamber suit, and many other useful articles.

Keye—Lusty.

William Lusty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lusty, and Bridget Keye of Bondsville were united in marriage Tuesday at two o'clock at the parochial residence of Rev. Father McKeany the ceremony being performed by Rev. John O'Gara of Springfield. Joseph Lusty, brother of the groom, was best man, and Katie Keye of Chicopee, niece of the bride, was bridesmaid. The bride wore a gown of steel ladies' cloth en train, with satin and pearl trimmings, and a white tulle veil caught up with lilies of the valley; she carried a bunch of 24 bride roses, denoting her age. The bridesmaid wore a dark maroon colored gown of ladies' cloth, with trimmings of white brocaded satin and pearls. After the ceremony they returned to the bride's home, where dinner was served, after which they took the 5 o'clock train for Providence, R. I. After a short wedding trip they will be at home in Bondsville. Many out-of-town guests were present and many valuable presents were received.

OPERA HOUSE ATTRACTIONS.

Repertoire This Week—Sapho Next Week. Some Good Bookings.

The Empire Stock Company has been giving performances at the opera house every evening this week, and will play this and to-morrow evening, and matinee to-morrow afternoon at 2 30. The company contains some very good people, and the plays have been put on in a pleasing manner, good selections having been made in the choosing of the pieces.

The date for Sapho has been changed to May 1. The advance agent announces that "Sapho will make her debut at the opera house next Tuesday evening, but anyone who expects her to be a sensational or shocking young person will be disappointed. The version presented contains nothing to provoke any outburst on the part of the audience. In the ballroom scene many handsome costumes are worn by the ladies, and the part of "Sapho" is taken by Miss Julia Glover, a dainty and clever actress." The prices will be 25, 50 and 75 cents. A special train will be run from and to Ware.

For Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of next week, with Saturday matinee, the attraction will be the Davis & St. George Dramatic and Specialty company, presenting a different play each night, beginning with a musical comedy, "The maid with the golden hair." The company is said to have made a good reputation for itself on the road, and to contain some good artists. The plays are promised to please the public, and the specialties are announced as high class and numerous. The prices will be 10, 20 and 30 cents, and 10 and 20 cents for the matinee.

May 12 will appear a series of moving pictures illustrating the present war in Africa.

For the 14th Manager Lent has booked "Way Down East," a play which has won unlimited praise for its wholesome character and quaintness.

Y. M. C. A. Deputation Day.

Deputation Day of the Young Men's Christian Association will be observed in the churches of the several villages of Palmer Sunday. The services will be in charge of members of the association as follows: At Palmer—Congregational church, 10.45 a. m., addresses will be given by A. Ladner of Springfield and N. S. Elderkin of Amherst; 7 p. m., union service conducted by Dwight L. Rogers, assistant state secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; Baptist church, 10.45 a. m., addresses by W. B. Abbott of Worcester and Theodore Lee of Amherst; 6 00 p. m., union Y. P. S. C. E. meeting led by R. A. Cheney of Springfield. Thorndike—Congregational church, 10.45 a. m., addresses by O. A. Eberhardt, general secretary of the R. R. branch of the Y. M. C. A., and R. A. Cheney of the Y. M. C. A. Training School. Three Rivers—Union church, 10 45 a m., addresses by Charles Jacobus of Springfield; 3.30 p. m., men's mass meeting led by J. D. Stehman of Springfield; 7 p.m., union service, address by Mr. Ladner; Baptist church, 10 45 a. m., addresses by George W. Perrin of Springfield and J. D. Stehman. Bondsville—Methodist church, 10.45 a. m., addresses by Dwight L. Rogers and S. B. Wilson of the Y. M. C. A. Training School; 3 30 p. m., men's mass meeting, led by G. W. Perrin; 7 p. m., services led by W. B. Abbott.

Baseball Nine of the B. M. I. C., Three Rivers.

As the season advances the desire among young men increases to participate in out-door sports. Of all the popular games indulged in at the present time baseball easily leads. Palmer has had during the past few years some very fine ball teams that have been appreciated by all who enjoy this manly sport. As the older ball players drop out of the game, it is always gratifying to see the younger ones training to take their places, and all lovers of the game are sure to encourage them. About a year ago some of the younger young men (ages 15 to 18) organized a club in Three Rivers known as the B. M. I. C. This club has a very comfortable room in the basement of the Howard block, which is liberally supplied with good reading and games, all of which have been enjoyed by its members during the winter evenings just past.

From this club a baseball nine has been organized, and the present season will open with a game with the Child's Business College nine of Springfield to-morrow afternoon, April 28th, on the home grounds. The club would be glad to arrange for games with other nines whose players are of the same age, and all communications may be addressed to Ralph Senecal, Three Rivers, Mass.

Important Real Estate Deal.

An important real estate deal has been consumated this week, whereby a large tract of land between the railroad and the road from Shearer's Corner to Three Rivers, in the rear of the residences of Mrs. Lyman Snow and Andrew Holt, has been sold to C. W. Hastings & Co., who are having the tract surveyed and will dispose of a large number of desirable building lots at auction a week from to-morrow. Numerous prizes will be given free in connection with the sale, particulars of which will be found in an advertisement in another column.

To-morrow is Arbor day.

H. C. Strong is again able to be out after a few weeks' illness.

The W. R. C. will meet in Memorial Hall next Friday evening.

James Bresnehan of Thorndike has been drawn for the grand jury.

H. W. Holbrook has returned from a few weeks' stay at Ellwood, N. J.

Leon, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ezekiel, is sick with scarlet fever.

W. H. Osgood of Amherst spent Sunday with friends at the Converse House.

Miss Clara Sexton of Springfield is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Holbrook.

Mrs. A. M. Smith's house on Thorndike street is receiving a fresh coat of paint.

Mrs. Mary Brown was called to Middletown, N. Y., this week by the death of her brother.

William Duncan of Warren was the guest of J. F. Foley and family over Sunday.

A meeting of the parish of the Congregational church is called for this evening at 8 o'clock.

The members of St. Thomas's Catholic parish are canvassing for a fair to be held the 25th of May.

Miss Katherine Hayden of Fox avenue has been sojourning with relatives in Becket the past week.

Miss Myrtle McQuaid of Chatham, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Mignon Fuller of South Main Street.

Rev. Robert E. Smith of Spencer, formerly of Bondsville, was in town Tuesday for a short time.

Cyrus W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, will hold a regular meeting in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening.

A special passenger train, having on board about 500 immigrants, passed through Palmer early Wednesday morning on its way from Albany to Boston. They were landed in New York city Tuesday and immediately sent on to Boston in a train of 12 cars.

H. N. Sedgwick attended the funeral of Mrs. H. G. Sedgwick of Athol Monday. Mrs. Sedgwick's death was due to being run into by a tandem bicycle. She was quite well known by a number of Palmer people, and was a former resident of Bondsville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wing, recently of Plymouth, returned to town Saturday. Mrs. Wing is stopping with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Northrop, for a couple of weeks. Mr. Wing is in Chicopee Falls in the interests of the Flynt Building and Construction Company.

Miss Mabel Potter has returned from her home in Fairhaven and has resumed her duties as instructor in the high school. Miss Anna Tucker has returned from Melrose and Miss Myrtle Bunnell from Worcester, and they have resumed their duties in the grammar school.

Engineer Burnham of the Ware River road will sever his connection with the company to-morrow night. J. N. Crosby will also leave as night man in the signal at the tower crossing. Mr. Crosby has been stationed at the crossing for 30 years, beginning when the old ball signal was used.

Rev. F. B. Harrison has been in New York city this week attending ecumenical conference at Carnegie Hall. Missionaries from all parts of the world are present at the conference, and men of such prominence as ex-President Harrison and President McKinley have addressed those in attendance.

D. L. Bodfish inaugurated his annual special discount sale yesterday, continuing through to-day and to-morrow.

B. M. I. C. Baseball Club.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church will resume its services at 7 o'clock next Sunday evening.

Ernest Allen of Springfield spent the first of the week with the family of Daniel Slattery on State avenue.

Rev. C. W. Haines of the Baptist church preached at the Massachusetts epileptic hospital Sunday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilkins were called to Milford, N. H., this week by the death of his father, A. S. Wilkins.

A delegation from the Palmer lodge of Odd Fellows attended the anniversary services in Springfield yesterday.

Harry Farnum has resigned his position in the local telephone exchange and will finish his duties Saturday night.

Unclaimed letters are advertised at the post office for Charles Brown, David Rees, Frank J. Sylvester, George H. Weill.

W. J. Knowlton has leased the store between the JOURNAL office and the Commercial block and opened a bicycle store.

The remaining copies of "Pictorial Palmer" which Mr. Milligan has have been placed on sale in the store of D. L. Bodfish.

A. B. C. Deming has been unable to attend to his duties at the Palmer National Bank this week owing to trouble with his eyes.

Mrs. James McLaughlin of Stafford Springs, Ct., has been the guest of Mrs. Ebenezer Brown of North Main street this week.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational and Baptist churches will hold a union meeting in the latter church Sunday evening.

There was no session of the schools today, to allow the teachers to attend the institute of the state board of education at Ware.

The annual meeting of the Palmer Historical Society has been postponed from the first to the second Tuesday evening in May.

The Christian Endeavor Union of the churches of Palmer and Monson held a meeting in the Congregational church Tuesday evening.

W. R. Milligan has sold his stock of boots and shoes, and it has been removed from town. He has not yet decided what he will do in the future.

The Lend-a-Hand Society of the Congregational church met yesterday and made its final arrangements for the May breakfast and dinner on Tuesday.

A large delegation from the Palmer council of the Knights of Columbus went to Holyoke Wednesday night to witness the working of the third degree.

Frank F. Marcy of Palmer has filed in the superior court at Springfield an attachment against Elizabeth A. Heck of Wales for $300, in action of contract.

Miss May Hopkins of North Dana has been at her home on Maple street this week suffering with tonsilitis. An operation was performed and was successful.

The Ware selectmen will give a hearing on the petition of the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company for a franchise in that town on Saturday, May 12.

O. J. Powers is moving from the Smith house on Thorndike street to the Ellis house on Central street. The Smith house will be occupied by Charles Heritage of Monson.

Motermen Johnson and Tolman of the street railway company are taking a vacation from work, the former on account of illness and the latter to go to his home in North Dana.

Taylor's Music House of Springfield gives notice that J. J. Taylor, formerly with that establishment is with it no more, and warns the public against paying any money to him.

The services arranged for the Universalist church next Sunday in connection with Deputation Day, have been cancelled on account of the death of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Petrie.

Good Cheer Rebekah lodge will hold a maple sugar social in the lodge rooms next Tuesday evening. Supper will be served from 7 to 8, followed by an entertainment. The public is cordially invited.

Robert E. Stebbins, instructor in Hinman's Business College at Worcester has finished his duties until September. For the next few months Mr. Stebbins will travel through the state in the interests of the school.

The A. J. Northrop farm near the epileptic hospital has been leased to the state for the use of that institution, and the personal property and a large herd of cows will be sold at auction on the farm next Wednesday morning.

Two civil cases are scheduled for the district court to-morrow: Thomas Blanchard against G. W. Ely for something over $175 for the care and keeping of some horses; Welch against St. George, for the unlawful conversion of a heifer.

A meeting of the auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Missions was held in the Congregational church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. W. L. Buxton of Springfield, visitor from the Springfield branch, was present and spoke.

A. B. Chalmers has resigned his position with the Central Massachusetts Electric Company and will go to his home in Vermont for a short vacation. He will go to Hartford in a few weeks, where he has accepted a position with an electrical company.

A meeting in the interests of the formation of the Knights of Malta was held in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening. Arrangements are being made toward the organization of the order in town, about 50 having signified their intention to become members.

Peter Ditto were doomed; the fire came to within 30 feet of the corner of the barn, but hard work managed to keep it away. Box 38, at Shearer's Corner, was pulled about 7.30, and the firemen were called out to help fight the fire, which they finally got under control. Yesterday afternoon the Knox hill just over the river in Monson was burned over, the fire starting on the west side near the "Glen" and sweeping fiercely over the crest and down the meadow before it died out for want of fuel.

THREE RIVERS.

Auction sale of cows and farming tools on the A. J. Northrop farm next Monday at 9.30 a. m.

Elton Alden is ill with scarlet fever.

Mrs. Shaw of Springfield is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mahlon Foskit.

Miss Grace Bycroft of West Warren has been visiting friends in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barton of Barre visited Charles Barton over Sunday.

Milton Thayer, principal of the Dalton high school, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thayer, the last of last week.

Rev. G. M. Gerrish of Thorndike preached in the Baptist church Sunday in exchange with the pastor, Mr. E. A. Thomas.

A social and entertainment was held in the Baptist church Tuesday evening. The program was very interesting and included short addresses by Rev. Charles Olmstead, Rev. C. W. Haines, Mr. E. A. Thomas, Rev. G. M. Gerrish, and singing by Mrs Gerrish.

[For Bondsville news see third page.]

What Baking Powder Do You Use?

No matter what the name of the baking powder you are using, it is ten to one that the compound is made by the trust and that you are paying the trust price for it. There is no need of throwing away your money in that fashion. "There are others," and they are just as good as those you are paying a high price for. For instance, there is the "I C" powder; it costs only a cent an ounce; just think of it! You buy a pound can of the trust baking powders and pay 40 cents for it, that's two and a half cents an ounce. That's all right if you've money to burn, but if you haven't and want to get the most for your investment, try a can of the I C powder. It contains 15 ounces and costs only 15 cents—a cent an ounce. It is a pure, wholesome, guaranteed baking powder, and will both please you and save you money. You get it at Foley's.

The very best groceries that money can buy.

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FOR SALE cheap. A good open buggy.
3-tf LEWIS R. HOLDEN, Bondsville.

TENEMENT of four rooms and one of seven rooms to rent. A. L. HILLS, Knox St.

WANTED.—A reliable young man of 16 to 18, a good penman, in a responsible position. Address N. B., JOURNAL Office, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—A $75 Nonotuck bicycle; will sell for $25 cash.
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TO RENT.—Two tenements on Converse avenue. Inquire of W. W. LEACH, Palmer. 47-tf

TO RENT.—Two 6-room tenements in Cross Block.
Inquire of F. F. MARCY or D. L. BODFISH.

FOR SALE.—Brown leghorn eggs for hatching; $1.00 for 15. D. J. SULLIVAN,
1-5 School street, Thorndike.

FOR SALE.—One two-seated carriage, one good express wagon. Also cheap buggy.
51-tf GEO. A. KEITH, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Tenement of 12 rooms over J. B. Shaw's store. Central location for boarders. Can be rented for two tenements. 3-tf
K. T. FEENEY, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—White Plymouth Rock and Buff Leghorn eggs, none better. $1 per 15. Orders for eggs left at J. F. Foley's store.
1-4 O. J. WAID, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Tenement of 7 rooms on Central street. Furnace heat, both hot and cold water, desirable location. Inquire of
32-tf H. W. McGREGORY, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—The Samuel Edgerton property on Park street in Palmer. A desirable location, large yard, well-arranged house.
2-tf C. E. FULLER, Adm.

FOR SALE.—Eggs for hatching. Black Minorcas, Silver Hamburgs and Rhode Island Reds, $3 per setting. JOHN RILEY,
1-4 Box 2, Thorndike.

DRESSMAKING.—I wish to inform the ladies of Palmer and vicinity that I am prepared to do dressmaking in all its branches, or any kind of sewing. 2-5
M. S. SHAW, Thorndike St., Palmer.

NOTICE.—Mr. J. J. Taylor, who has been connected with our house for the past eleven years, is no longer in our employ, and the public is requested not to trust him or pay any money to him on our account.
TAYLOR'S MUSIC HOUSE, Springfield.

Mrs. Ida Grenier,
GENERAL TRAINED NURSE,
Three Rivers, Mass., at residence Dr. Fournier. Telephone 2-4.

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JULIA A. ALLEN, PALMER.

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The Famous $3.50 Shoe For Men.

Latest Spring Styles Now Ready

F. D. Barton,

Dealer in Reliable Footwear.

Special Agent for Palmer.

Our line of Ladies' Shoes is complete, and we are giving extra value in these goods.

See our $2.00 Shoe.

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Comfort

Is the sensation experienced when buying shoes here—it is comforting to your pocketbook. The following prices will make you feel comfortable.

Note the Absence of High Prices

Ladies' Chocolate Oxfords,
69c.

Ladies' Comfort Juliets, the house shoe of ease,
$1.00.

Men's Springtime Shoes, chocolate vesting top,
$1.50.

Youth's Brown Shoes, stylish and serviceable, sizes 11½ to 2,
$1.25.

Boys' Black Bicycle Shoes, sizes 1 to 5½,
$1.25.

Misses' Chocolate Kid Lace Shoes, sizes 11½ to 2, at
$1, $1.25, $1.50.

Western Mass. Shoe Co.,
Near Post Office.
HOLDEN'S BLOCK, PALMER.
Mrs. E. H. Pope, Manager.

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The Best of the Kind Out.

One Million Sold Last Season.

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Hardware and Refrigerators,

Paints, Oil and Glass.

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APRIL 25, 1900.

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DRY WOOD,

both hard and soft, sawed, sawed and split, or four foot, in quantities to suit. Order slate at J. F. Foley's store. Residence 49 Central street, telephone connection, No. 26-3.

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...given by...
MISS ANNIE FISH, Palmer.

Wall Papers 4c a roll, Borders and Ceilings to match. . . Better grades correspondingly cheap. **L. A. Conant,**

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Picture Frames } **Made to Order.**

Are you aware that we are headquarters for all kinds of Picture Framing?

Our line of Mouldings includes many styles in the latest dull finish, which is now very popular. We invite you to examine our samples at the Photograph Studio, Commercial Street, also at our Framing Department, Bank Block.

If you are thinking of having your Photograph made it will pay you to call and see our very latest styles of work in all the popular finishes.

A Good Place to Buy Frames. } **Woodhead Bros., Palmer.**

Alteration Sale of Gent's Clothing, Suits,

Overcoats, Pants, Bicycle Suits, Bicycle Pants, Etc.
Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Etc.

We have a good assortment of **Boys' Overcoats, Ulsters, and Reefers** to be closed out at unheard of prices.

Ladies' Jackets of all colors.
Tailor-Made Suits and Skirts.
Silk Waists, Etc.

Sale Will Begin Friday Evening April 6.

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Opposite Riverside Hotel.

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We are, as usual, headquarters for

Grass Seed, Seed Oats, (Michigan.)
Canada Peas,
Stowell's Evergreen
Fodder Corn,
Red Cobb Ensilage,
Seed Potatoes,
Lime, Ashes and
Fertilizer Salt,
also Bradley's Fertilizers.

"The World's Best By Every Test."

Remember you can buy the best Bread and Pastry Flour lower than at any other place in Hampden County. Every barrel guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money back.

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The C. D. Holbrook Co.

Gamwell's Clothing Store, Palmer.

Tell us not in mournful numbers
Hats are higher than of yore,
When we'll sell you for two dollars,
A better hat than Caesar wore.

Yes, a vastly better hat; better in style, wearing qualities, better every way. Can give you hats at lower and at higher prices, too, if you want them—$1.50, $2.50, $3. All kinds and colors, stiff and soft.

There are left a few of those

Suits at Half Price

They went like hot cakes after the advertisement appeared last week, but there are a few left, and if your size is here it's the chance of a lifetime. The price is just half the regular price, and the goods are all right in every way; the sizes are odd, that's the reason.

C. K. Gamwell.

Everything a Man Needs in Clothing.

Standard Bred Stallion,

. . . TONY V. . . .

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3 year old record, 2 27¾. . . . . Trial, 2 14

Sired by Vatican, sire of Vassar, 2.07, Belle Vasa, 2.08¾, and 19 others. By Belmont out of Vasa by Hambletonian 10, Ex. Venus by American Star, etc.

Dam by Sales Horse, out of mare by Kavanaugh's Grey Eagle, (thoroughbred.)

Tony V is a handsome brown Stallion 15-3 hands high weighing nearly 1100 lbs., strong, compact build, with very best of legs and feet and kind disposition. He is in every way a very desirable horse to breed from.

Service Fees, $10, $5 at me of service and $5 when mare proves with foal.

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Spring Bargain Days At Bodfish's.

"Merchant's Days"

may not be an accomplished fact this year, but we are offering Special Bargains on the anniversary of last year's Great Sale. . . . . .

April 26, 27, 28.

Our large and finely assorted stock at your disposal at a

Special Discount of 10 per cent

from the regular prices on all Cash Purchases.

You want the Goods and we have them. Now is the time to buy.

D. L. Bodfish,

Cross Block, Palmer.

New Goods

That are suggestive of Spring.

Ginghams.
In soft and delicate shades of colorings. Assortment large in style and values.

Percales.
Beautiful in design and finish.

Prints,
that are the perfection of the designer's art.

Full line of Bleached and Brown Cottons, Table Linen, Napkins and Towels, Dress Trimmings, Linings, Braids and Buttons, Hosiery, from the very cheap to the high price variety.

Groceries in Full Stock.

J. B. SHAW,

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Seeds That Will Grow.

I have received a full line of Garden Seeds from the celebrated house of D. M. Ferry & Co., and can give you seeds that will grow if they are treated right.

Sweet Pea Seeds in bulk.
Nasturtium Seeds in bulk.

Try these seeds—I know they are right.

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every time he buys a Hat before he looks at our stock of Spring and Summer Styles first. The quality is right, the colors correct, and the shapes so nobby and swell that when you get your face under one it looks as if it had been newly polished up and refined.

Just try one of our Derby's, Golf or Alpines and see how becoming they are.

Getting too warm for your old Winter Suit! Try us with your Spring order. We make to measure and make to fit.

Trousers $4 to $10. Suits $14 to $38.

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Corner Main and Central Sts., Palmer.

WOODLAND NURSERY.

Fruit Trees and Small Fruits.
Climbing and Everblooming Roses.
Flowering Shrubs, Vines, Etc.
Nice lot Sugar Maples, 12 to 14 ft.
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To sell our hardy New England grown Nursery Stock. Liberal terms offered to reliable men; either commission or salary. A good chance for bright men. Write for terms at once.

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Stylish Untrimmed Hats

Every new shape, braid and color which the manufacturers have produced this season is in our stock. There is variety, beauty, and quality enough to please anyone. Prices, too, are very attractive.

Elegant Novelties

in fine French Flowers, Feathers, Aigrettes, and Millinery Trimming, of every description at very low prices.

M. & M. GAVIN,

Monson.

Forbes & Wallace,

Springfield, April, 1900.

Several Thousand Dollars' Worth of Fine

Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Etc.

Are now on sale at this store

at 50c on the dollar!

These goods were bought by us of the agent of the Globe National Bank of Boston.

At the time of the failure of Messrs. Simpson & Co. of Boston, the Globe National Bank held thousands of dollars' worth of Gloves, Hosiery, Etc., in bond as collateral for a loan. These goods became the property of the bank, which has disposed of them as the following letter explains:—

Boston, Mass., April 6, 1900.

Messrs. Forbes & Wallace—Gentlemen: We have decided to accept your spot cash offer, and trust that you and your customers will appreciate these great bargains. Surely your store ought to be crowded for many weeks to come.

Respectfully yours,
J. C. B. SMITH, Selling Agent,
Globe National Bank,
and Mr. ANTON RUSSY.

And what makes this sale doubly interesting to all is the presence in our store on our counters, of several more blocks of fine spring goods, purchased at prices equally low. We merge all into the greatest sale of the year. Everyone is interested.

Forbes & Wallace,

Main, Vernon and Pynchon Streets,

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LeGro's Headache Powders.

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MONEY REFUNDED IF THEY DO NOT.

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I am prepared to buy and sell all kinds of Real Estate and other property on commission at reasonable rates.

Come and get fair treatment and quick returns.

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Well selected, and largest assortment in town.

It will be to your advantage to look at this stock.

A good Paper Hanger to do your work if desired.

. . . AT . . .

LeGro's Drug Store,

Main St., Palmer.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 27, 1900.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Auction sale of cows and farming tools on the A. J. Northrop farm next Monday at 9.30 a. m.

MONSON.

THEODORE REYNOLDS'S WILL.

Monson Masonic Lodge and Universalist Church Receive Generous Bequests.

The will of Theodore Reynolds was offered for probate yesterday. It was made March 27, two days before his death, and was witnessed by Carlos M. Gage, Edward D. Cushman and Charles L. Gardner; Edward F. Morris of Monson is named as sole executor. The estate is estimated to amount to from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000, and is nearly all left to relatives. Five thousand dollars is given to Day Spring lodge of Masons of Monson, to be invested and the income to be used for the purposes of the lodge. The Monson Universalist society also receives a $5000 bequest, the income of which is to be used for such purposes as the officers may determine. The sum of $25,000 is left in trust in the hands of Edward F. Morris of Monson, the income to be paid to Eli Whitney Reynolds of West Medway, the testator's brother, and at his death the principal to go to Joseph E. Reynolds, son of Eli Whitney Reynolds. Theodore Munn Reynolds of Wickford, R. I., is given $25,000, to be paid over when he becomes of age, and Mary Emma Green Reynolds and Oral Munn Reynolds, also of Wickford, R. I., are given $5000 each. They are the children of Lucian B. Reynolds, who is by another clause given $10,000. His sister, Antonette Reynolds, is given the same amount. Ten thousand dollars each is given to Saphronia Fuller, widow of Charles Fuller; Louise Gallup, widow of Edward Gallup, and Frank King all of Springfield. The same amount is left to each of the two daughters of the testator's cousin, Martha Babcock. Other bequests are: L. Frank Holmes, $1000; Joseph E. Reynolds, $5000; Jennie Shepard of Newman, Ind., $5000; Nellie M. Moore of Monson, $5000. The residuary clause leaves the large residue of the estate in equal shares to Saphronia Fuller, Louise Gallup and Frank King of Springfield, Lucian B. Reynolds of Wickford, R. I., and Joseph E. Reynolds of West Medway.

Death of Asher Green.

Asher Green died at his home this morning of cancer, after an illness covering some time. He leaves a wife and two

daughters, Mrs. George Lanphear of Wales and Mrs. A. H. Shaw of Monson. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Green celebrated their golden weddingjon December 3d of last year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gage are ill with the grippe.

The ice cream season at Pendergast's begins to-morrow.

Miss Maud Aldrich returned to Mt. Holyoke College last Friday.

Mrs. G. C. Flynt and son are visiting relatives in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Eugene Shaw of Athol spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott of Grafton visited Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Potter last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Johnson of Amherst, formerly of Monson, have a daughter, born Sunday.

Eight members of Marcus Keep Relief Corps visited the Palmer corps at its last meeting.

The watering cart will start on its rounds May 1st; Mr. Bliss is receiving subscriptions now.

Selectman H. M. Smith has purchased a good pair of oxen in Hardwick for use at the town farm.

An electric car jumped the track on Academy hill this morning; a force of men soon had it in place again.

Prof. Tufts will speak to the Current Events Club and their guests at the Young Men's rooms to-morrow afternoon.

Much regret is expressed in Monson over the death of Rev. O. G. Petrie of Palmer, and Mrs. Petrie has the sympathy of all her acquaintances in town.

Charles Dorman, 50, died at the town farm Monday of consumption. The funeral was held Tuesday, Rev. A. W. L. Nelson officiating. Burial was in West Stafford.

Druggist Chapman has installed a fine new soda fountain this week, from which he will draw various cooling and tasteful beverages and mixtures during warm weather.

Rev. A. W. L. Nelson of the Methodist church will take for his subject next Sunday morning: "God's special truths revealed to the seeking heart," his text being Proverbs II: 3-5.

Charles Heritage of the Branch mill, who has been stopping at the Century house, expects to go to housekeeping in Palmer May 1st, having been unable to find a house suited to his tastes in Monson.

The little child of James McMahon drank a quantity of kerosene yesterday morning. Dr. Fuller was summoned and succeeded in relieving the child, and it will probably be all right soon.

The roads of the town will be looked after this year by the selectmen. G. H. Foskit will be road commissioner, H. M. Smith will have charge of seven districts and O. C. McCray the other seven.

Rev. C. C. Conner will preach in the Universalist church Sunday morning on "The measure of values." The Christian Union will meet at 7 o'clock in the evening, at which will be treated "The authority and leadership of Christ."

The stamp books issued by the government are on sale at the post office, and contain one, two and four dozen stamps, and cost 25, 49 and 97 cents each. There has been considerable demand for them, as they are conveniently carried about, each half dozen being separated by paraffine paper.

A meeting of the official board of the Methodist church was held Monday evening and these officers were chosen: Chairman, Rev. A. W. L. Nelson; secretary, C. A. Bradway; treasurer, Horace Squier.

Some plans for the current year were talked over, upon which action will be taken at the first quarterly conference.

A horse owned by James Noyes of Brimfield took a little trip for his own pleasure down Main street Wednesday morning. Mr. Noyes was in Leary's store when the animal decided to go. The horse turned in at the Memorial hall driveway and ran past the sheds into E. P. Newton's garden. No damage of consequence was done.

Shoeist G. L. Fuller is moving into his new store, the second door north of his old stand, and expects to be fully settled tomorrow. Mr. Fuller has been in business some 20 years, and at this store the past 14 years. His new quarters have been neatly fitted up and he will have as much room and better light than at the old place.

There seems to be no immediate prospect that the electric road will be extended farther south, much to the disappointment of those living in that part of the town. The west side of North Main street should receive attention from the company soon. It was left in rough shape when the rails were laid, and has not been fixed as yet.

Dr. Fuller met with an accident yesterday. While driving near the quarry, he was forced to the extreme side of the road by a quantity of broken stone placed in the center and left uncovered. The horse gave a sudden spring, and the carriage struck the fence and overturned. He was thrown out and is suffering from a very lame shoulder in consequence.

The organ recital given by Prof. J. S. R. Coy Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies' Circle at the Universalist church, deserves special commendation. He was assisted by Walter Knowles, tenor, of Worcester, Miss Annie Taylor, contralto, of Spencer, Miss Carrie Webb, soprano, and Miss Lillian Webb, pianist and organist. Every number on the program was well rendered.

Father O'Keefe of St. Patrick's church is to be assisted in his work by Rev. P. J. O'Malley, formerly of Webster. Father O'Malley arrived yesterday. Beginning Sunday two masses will be celebrated in future, at 8.30 and 10.30 a. m. There has been one mass each Sunday since the curate, Father O'Reilly, went away last August. The congregations number about 600, including children. There are 500 sittings sold.

Owen Duffy, 70, died at his home at the Flynt Quarry ... morning of grippe after a short i... The funeral was held at St. Patrick ... Wednesday morning, and burial w... in St. Patrick's cemetery. Mr. Duffy was born in Ireland, and came to Monson about 40 years ago, since which time he has been in the employ of the Flynts, and was a much respected citizen. His wife died about two years ago. He leaves three children, Mrs. Joseph Ricord, Mrs. James Savage and a son, Patrick.

The 31st anniversary of the institution of Odd Fellowship was celebrated by Monson lodge of Odd Fellows Monday evening in their rooms in the Bank block. All members of the order in town, their families and a few other guests were invited, and a company of 118 gathered. The entertainment consisted of readings by Miss Helen Scott Long of Cambridge, singing by Miss Annie Taylor, contralto of Spencer, and banjo playing by her sister, Miss Olive Taylor. Little Miss Long, who has just passed her 10th birthday, is a pupil of Oliver Emerson Bennett of Boston, is possessed of remarkable talent as an elocutionist, and her audience showed their appreciation by the heartiest of encores. Mr. and Mrs. Long are well known in Monson, having lived here three years at one time. Mr. Long is employed by the Flynt Building and Construction Co., and is now at work on the Academy gymnasium. Cake and ice cream were served, after which there was card playing.

THORNDIKE.

Auction sale of cows and farming tools on the A. J. Northrop farm next Monday at 9.30 a. m.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society will hold its annual May supper in the church vestry next Tuesday evening from 6.30 to 8. In connection with the supper there will be a sale of fancy articles.

BONDSVILLE.

Auction sale of cows and farming tools on the A. J. Northrop farm next Monday at 9.30 a. m.

Elsie Woolard is ill with the measles.

Mrs. Patrick Ferris is on the sick list.

A. J. Martin spent Sunday with friends in Norwich, Ct.

D. R. Kennedy and wife spent Sunday with friends in Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lamb are able to be out after a severe illness.

Miss Margaret Carmody is able to be out again after a severe illness.

B. A. Alexander spent Sunday with friends in Slatersville, R. I.

C. D. Holden and wife spent Sunday with friends in Springfield.

A. L. Dowd of Middletown was the guest of Olin Parent two days this week.

M. W. Austin of Troy, N. Y., spent Saturday with his brother, J. C. Austin.

Rev. Albert Squier and family of Winthrop are guests of E. E. Ryther this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Daniel Randall of Gilbertville was the guest of his son, A. P. Randall, over Sunday.

L. R. Holden is improving the looks of his house by giving it a fresh coat of paint.

R. L. Thayer Jr., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Thayer of Enfield.

Sevo Pelon, a resident of this village for many years, has moved his family to Easthampton.

WHY IT SUCCEEDS.

Because It Is for One Thing Only, and Palmer Is Learning This.

Nothing can be good for everything.

Doing one thing well brings success.

Doan's Kidney Pills do one thing only.

They're for sick kidneys.

They cure backache, every kidney ill.

Here is Palmer evidence to prove it.

Mrs. J. M. Barton of South Main street, says: "I felt pains in my back and had at times when stooping a sort of dazed feeling. It hurt me to rise from a chair or to go up or down stairs. There was a lack of energy so that I could hardly drag myself around.

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Saturday, April 28.

As a guarantee of continued low prices in the future as the past, I will give all Cash Purchasers a 10 per cent discount on all goods purchased opening day. With lower rent and cash buying, I can sell goods cheaper than before, and make you a saving by buying your footwear of

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Merrick's Old Stand

MONSON.

Quite a number attended the performance of "Superba" in Springfield Saturday evening.

Mrs. F. A. Fairbanks of Ware was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Morgan a few days this week.

George Moulton, overseer of the card and picker rooms of the Boston Duck Company, is quite ill.

A number from here attended the anniversary celebration of Odd Fellows held in Springfield Thursday.

P. H. Bowler of Amherst was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bowler, over Sunday.

Henry Coyle has accepted a position in Woonsocket and will move his family there as soon as possible.

Rev. B. McKeany, who sailed January ninth on an excursion to the Holy Land, is expected home May third.

Mrs. H. N. Fish and daughter of Three Rivers spent a few days this week with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Adams.

Mrs. Frank Talmage and children of Springfield are spending a few days with their mother, Mrs. Margaret Talmage.

The funeral of Daniel Quirk was held at St. Bartholomew's church Saturday at nine o'clock, Rev. Fr. O'Gara officiating.

Mrs. C. F. Armstrong and daughter, who have been spending a few days in Blackstone, R. I., have returned to their home.

Miss Mabel Alley has resigned her position as organist at the Methodist church, and the vacancy will be filled by Miss Ora Parent.

Mrs. H. L. Ryther, son and daughter of Enfield, were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Morgan, a few days last week.

Mr. Ives has moved from the house owned by C. L. Holden at Fuller's Corner to one owned by Patrick Fitzgerald at the south end of the village, recently erected by T. D. Potter & Co.

Rev. J. A. Bowler's goods have arrived from his former place of residence in Lowell, and have been placed in the parsonage this week. Owing to sickness his wife and daughter will be unable to join him for about two weeks.

The last of Rev. H. G. Alley's goods left town last Saturday. He also left on the three o'clock train for his new field of labor in Newburyport, accompanied by his wife and daughter Mabel, also his youngest son, Fred; Harold will reman here till June. Miss Mabel will enter a training school May 1st. His two younger daughters will remain with their grandmother in Lynn for a short time.

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

BOSTON, April 25, 1900.

Above all other questions which are before the Legislature still towers that of the policy of the state toward the Boston and Albany and the Fitchburg railroads. It is impossible to find yet a settled opinion among the members which can be relied upon for future action. The questions involved are too broad and the evidence is not familiar enough for the members to feel as if they had a basis for making up their minds. I happen to get it not much removed from the House chairman of the railroad committee that he does not yet feel sure what is the best policy for the state to pursue. From what I gather in conversation, it seems as if party lines would not be drawn, though the Democrats put the principle of state ownership in their platform last fall. At any rate, there are some Republicans who will not let that declaration influence them at all in doing what they think is right in the case. It seems to be the fact that there is opposition to a surrender of the control and the rights which the state already has, in the case of the Boston and Albany railroad, and there is also a feeling, on the part of some Republicans, that a lease of 99 years is altogether too long, considering the great changes of recent years and the possibilities in the development of electricity as a motive power for long lines of railroads. It is going to be popular to stand for the rights of the people and there is a natural prejudice against surrendering the people to the control of a great railroad monopoly, and a foreign corporation, at that.

This week the railroad committee has been busy with the proposed lease of the Fitchburg railroad to the Boston and Maine. It has seemed as if there were less question about this scheme going through than about the lease of the Albany, because Gov. Crane and council are in favor of the lease, and both the roads are Massachusetts corporations, which makes a great difference with the feeling of the Legislature. President Tuttle of the Boston and Maine made a positive impression upon the railroad committee, as one of them tells me, by the straightforward way in which he set forth the benefits to follow from the lease and by the evident grasp of the situation which he had. His picture of the Fitchburg as a suppliant at the feet of the New York Central, in contrast with the independent position of the Boston and Maine and Fitchburg systems combined, was striking and had a marked effect upon the committee. The opposition to the lease, which is headed by Dr. Seward Webb, Vanderbilt's son-in-law and the head of the Rutland railroad system, tried to make out that the Boston and Maine is really controlled by New York interests, not by Massachusetts men, and that the business of Boston would be no better protected than if the Fitchburg were leased to the New York Central. This hearing is still in progress.

One victory was won by the railroads in the House on Tuesday, after that they had been once defeated on the same matter. A few days ago the House had rejected an adverse report of the railroad committee and had admitted a bill to put upon the railroads all of the expense of abolishing grade crossings. But upon second thought the House reversed its position and killed the bill by a large vote.

The Senate, Tuesday afternoon, did what it ought to be sorry for. It defeated the bill to improve the law against the excessive use of money at elections. When the law was passed in 1892 it was felt that it would not do to be over-particular about little matters, and so the law provided that if a political committee spent less than $20 no return should be required. Now the law is neglected and the state authorities have no means of knowing whether the omission to make return is due to a proper taking advantage of this provision, or to deliberate ignoring of the law. This bill was to require treasurers of political committees which have spent less than $20 to certify to the secretary of state that their expenses were less than that sum. Secretary Olin asked for the law, for then he could have a basis of calling to account all treasurers who did not so certify, and thus the whole law would be made operative. The bill was killed in the House last year, but it was passed there this year after warm debate, by a good majority. But the Senate was almost unanimous against it. Of course the politicians do not want the law enforced, but it is for the benefit of the public and of pure politics that great expenditures should be made known. If other loopholes are found in the law, they could be stopped, but to leave the law as it is is to permit it to fall into contempt.

Speaker Myers on Tuesday put into the chair at different times during the day two of his rivals for the speakership, Messrs. Reed of Taunton and Bennett of Saugus. Both presided well. The third candidate, Saunders of Boston, has not been called to the chair yet, and it remains to be seen whether he will be.

Speaker Myers has the idea that the Legislature should work for prorogation on Friday, June 15, or Saturday, the 16th. His reason is that the Republican national convention occurs at Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 19, and that many of the Republican members of the Legislature will wish to attend. But conversation with experienced men at the state house does not bear out this idea. In the first place, since everything at Philadelphia will be so largely a matter of mere routine, —for everybody expects nothing else than the renomination of President McKinley,— there will not be the usual desire to go. In the second place, it is felt that it will be impossible to finish by June 15 or 16. One reason for this is the great railroad questions which cannot be disposed of hastily and which must be understood before a vote is taken either way. Hence it does not look as if the speaker could carry out his purposes. Clerk Kimball says that the House is working "at a July gait" and that is an accurate way of putting it.

LANDON.

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Why should we use cheap, impure, unhealthful articles of food? There is no economy in them; they endanger the health, they may cost life. There are reported almost daily cases of sickness caused by eating cake, puddings or biscuit made with the cheap, alum baking powders.

In all articles for food buy and use only the best. The good health of the family is of first consideration.

Alum is used in many baking powders because it makes them cheap. It costs less than two cents a pound. Alum is a corrosive poison. Think of feeding it to children! Yet the manufacturers of well-known alum powders are actually denying that their goods contain it.

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Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this great discovery at C. A. LeGro's Palmer; G. L. Keeney's Monson. Only 50 cents and $1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting, and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by C. A. LeGro Palmer; G. L. Keeney Monson.

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Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, cures them, also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains. Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by C. A. LeGro Palmer; G. L. Keeney Monson.

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Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cents at C. A. LeGro's Palmer; G. L. Keeney's Monson.

The World Moves.

There is no cough that Otto's Cure will not relieve. There is no other remedy that will bring relief so quickly. The world moves, and there is no "old-fashioned" or "old-time" medicine, however well advertised, that can do the work of the modern German remedy, Otto's cure. All druggists sell Otto's Cure in 25c. and 50c. bottles.

Mothers! Mothers! Mothers!

How many children are at this season feverish and constipated, with bad stomach and headache. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children will always cure. If worms are present they will certainly remove them. At all druggists', 25 cents. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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A powder for the feet. It cures Swollen, Sore, Hot, Callous, Aching, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. At all Druggists' and shoes stores 25 cents. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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Candy Cathartic cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

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Spring Overcoats,
Spring Hats,
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for man and boy are here, as nowhere else. Greater variety, lower prices and better service.

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Have your Carpets cleaned at Kenerson's Steam Carpet Cleaning Works. Carpets in the Depot Village called for and delivered without charge. Mail orders promptly attended to.

Also Lawn Mowers Repaired and Sharpened, and all kinds of light machine work done.

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$200 worth of Prizes Free.

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We have bought the tract of land at SHEARER'S CORNER in PALMER, in the rear of the residences of Mrs. Lyman Snow and Andrew Holt, west of the main road from Palmer to Three Rivers and east of the Wire Mill.

Four streets have been laid out through the tract and about

75 Building Lots, Each 115 x 50 Feet, Fronting Upon a Street, will be offered at Auction.

. . . . . THE SALE WILL BEGIN AT . . . . .

2.30 o'clock on the afternoon of May 5, 1900.

After the auction the lots will be sold at private sale, the only chance to fix your own price being that afternoon.

These lots are sure to become very valuable at no distant day. The tract is 15 minutes' walk from the depot and post office, near the Palmer Water Company's mains and will undoubtedly be reached by electric cars within a year. A schoolhouse is opposite the property.

On the day of sale **Free Electric Cars** will be run from **Three Rivers, Bondsville, Thorndike** and **Monson** to Palmer, where free 'busses will take passengers to the property.

$200 worth of prizes are to be given away to those who have tickets, whether they buy lots or not. Those who do not have tickets can get them before the sale begins.

LADIES ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED.

The location of the property insures a rise in values on account of its proximity to the Wire Mill. The latter is being enlarged and will soon be one of the most important industries in the town. The location is pleasant and healthful, and in every way desirable for modern homes. There can be no better investment than desirable real estate. **You can double your money in these lots in one year.**

Our easy terms are an inducement. $10 at time of sale, balance in monthly payments of $5, or 5 per cent discount for cash. This opportunity will come but once. Do not miss it.

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ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

To the Inhabitants and other Persons liable to pay Taxes in the Town of Palmer for the Year 1900.

The Assessors of the Town of Palmer hereby give notice to the inhabitants of said town, and all other persons liable to pay taxes therein, that they will receive at the Town House, on Tuesday, the first day of May next, the valuation of estates, and all persons liable to be taxed in said town are hereby notified to bring in to us true and perfect lists of all poles (males twenty years old and upwards), and schedules and estimates of the Personal and Real Estates for which they are liable to pay taxes in said town, possessed by them on the first day of May next.

MORTGAGED REAL ESTATE.

Any Mortgagor or Mortgagee of Real Estate situated within this town may bring in to the undersigned Assessors, within the time above specified, a statement under oath, of the amount due on each separate lot or parcel of such Real Estate, and the name and residence of every holder of an interest as a Mortgagor or Mortgagee therein. When only a part of the property described in any mortgage is situated within this town, an estimate of the amount of a Mortgagee's interest in such part; or when a recorded mortgage includes for one sum two or more estates or parts of an estate, an estimate of the amount of the Mortgagee's interest in each estate or part of an estate shall be given in such statement.—Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1882.

CHAPTER ELEVEN OF THE PUBLIC STATUTES.

SECTION 14. "When any person has an interest in taxable real estate as holder of a duly recorded mortgage, given to secure the payment of money, the amount of which is fixed and certain, the amount of his interest as Mortgagee shall be assessed as Real Estate in the place where the land lies; and the Mortgagor shall be assessed only for the value of said Real Estate after deducting the assessed value of all such Mortgagee's interest therein. When such property is situated in two or more places, the amount of the Mortgagee's interest to be assessed in each place shall be portioned to the assessed value in the respective places of the mortgaged Real Estate, deducting therefrom the taxable amount of prior mortgages, if any therein."

SECTION 15. "If any holder of such a mortgage fails to file in the Assessors' office a statement under oath of all his estate liable to taxation under the preceding section, including a statement of the full amount remaining unpaid upon such a mortgage and of his interest therein, the amount stated in the mortgage shall be conclusive as to the extent of such interest; but the Mortgagee's interest in such real estate shall not be assessed at a greater sum than the fair cash valuation of the land and structures thereon or affixed thereto; and the amount of a mortgage interest in an estate that has been divided after the creation of such mortgage shall not be required to be apportioned upon the several parts of such estate except as provided in sections eighty-one to eighty-three inclusively."

SECTION 16. "Mortgagors and Mortgagees referred to in the two preceding sections shall, for the purpose of taxation, be deemed joint owners until the Mortgagee takes possession; and until such possession is taken by the first Mortgagee, the Assessors or the Collector of Taxes, upon application to any one of them, shall give to any such Mortgagee or Mortgagor a tax bill showing the whole tax on the mortgaged estate and the amount included in the valuation thereof as the interests of each Mortgagee and of the Mortgagor respectively. If the first Mortgagee is in possession he shall be deemed sole owner; and any other Mortgagee in possession shall be deemed joint owner with prior mortgagees."

When a statement in conformity to the law above quoted is brought in, the Real Estate therein returned will be assessed under sections 14, 15 and 16 of Chapter Eleven of the Public Statutes. But in cases where the Mortgagor of the Real Estate has agreed in writing to pay all taxes assessed thereon, no statement or return is required from either Mortgagee or Mortgagor, unless requested by the Assessors in writing. 3-2

JOHN O. HAMILTON, H. T. BISHOP, A. A. WARRINER, } Assessors of Palmer.

Palmer, Mass., April 18, 1900.

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LEAVE Brattleboro, 8.00 a. m. and 4 25 p. m. for New London, connecting at Millers Falls with Fitchburg R.R., at Belchertown with Central Mass. R. R., and at Palmer with B. & A. R. R. for Worcester, Boston and Springfield; at New London with the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.
LEAVE Amherst, 9.12 a. m. and 5.50 p. m.
LEAVE Palmer, 10.00 a. m., 1.40 and 6.50 p. m. for New London and intermediate stations.
LEAVE Brattleboro, 10.25 a. m. for Millers Falls and points on Fitchburg R. R.

GOING NORTH.

LEAVE New London, 5.20 a. m. and 2.40 p. m. for Palmer, Brattleboro and intermediate stations. The 5.20 a. m. connects from New York via Norwich Line.
LEAVE New London 7.40 a. m. for Palmer and intermediate stations.
LEAVE Palmer for Brattleboro, 8.20 a. m. and 6.50 p. m., connecting with express for Montreal and the West via G. T. R. R.
LEAVE Millers Falls for Brattleboro 9.40 a. m., 12.15 p. m. and 8.08 p. m.

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BANKING HOURS: 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Saturday, 9 a. m. to 12 m. Friday Evening, 7.30 to 9.

Boston & Albany R. R.

Through Train and Car Service, in effect April 29, 1900.

Two Fast Trains

	"Chicago" Special Via Lake Shore	"North Shore" Special Via Mich. Cen.
Lv. Boston	10.45 a. m.	2.00 p. m
Due Albany	4.10 p. m.	7.35 "
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Due Rochester	9.40 "	1.30 a. m.
Due Buffalo	11.40 "	
Due Toledo	5.55 a. m.	
Due Detroit		8.15 "
Due Chicago	11.50 "	4.00 p. m.

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HAMPDEN.

George R. Burleigh Jr. of Detroit, Mich., has returned to Hampden and will make his home with his father, George R. Burleigh.

HOLLAND.

D. E. Butterworth has been drawn to serve on the grand jury.

Lyman Willis of Springfield has been visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Willis.

BRIMFIELD.

Clarence Stowell of Maine University has been spending a few days at home.

Dr. John L. Bacon of the Westboro hospital is at the home of his father, J. L. Bacon.

The seniors' reception or "Interview" of the Hitchcock Free Academy, which was given up last term on account of the illness and death of John Haley, will be held this evening at the town hall. The drama in which Mr. Haley was to have taken part will not be given. There will be a miscellaneous program.

Morton Hale, a graduate of the Hitchcock Academy and of Renn Lay College, has been spending a few days in town. Mr. Hale has been preaching for about two years in Lincoln, Vt. He intends to take a collegiate course at Middlebury College, and will study at Mt. Herman previous to entering college next fall.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

The last meeting of the North Wilbraham Literary Club, was held at the parsonage Monday evening. Rev. Henry B. Mason, pastor of Grace church and president of the club resigned his pastorate several weeks ago and will leave soon for Duxbury, where he has accepted a call. As a token of the love and esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Mason are held, the members of the society presented a handsome flexible-covered Bible to Mr. Mason, a rocking-chair with a pearl-inlaid back to Mrs. Mason, and a book to their daughter, Harriet. The presentation was made by Fred E. Damond in a pleasing and characteristic speech, and the gifts were accepted in the genial way that have won Mr. and Mrs. Mason so many friends during their residence in this town. A very pleasant evening was passed, and all joined in wishing them much happiness in their new home.

WILBRAHAM.

Hiram Clark of Monrovia, Cal., formerly of Wilbraham, will return in June for a visit of some time.

Mrs. Stowell of Ludlow, formerly of Wilbraham, has been taken to the Northampton asylum for treatment.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Davis were in New York a part of the week attending the ecumenical conference on foreign missions.

Miss Ethel Lombard, who has been at the House of Mercy hospital in Springfield for an operation on her ear, has returned home.

The 85th birthday of Ira G. Potter was quietly observed Saturday by his family, Mr. and Mrs. Lurin J. Potter and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peck.

Deacon Herbert Miller of Ludlow has moved his family into Prof. Wood's house on South Main Street, which Mr. Miller recently bought.

The women of the Methodist church will give a social in the chapel this afternoon and evening. Ice cream and cake will be served from 5 to 7.

The personal property of M. P. Wright will be sold at public aution at North Wilbraham next Wednesday by H. M. Bliss. Mr. Wright will go South for his health.

Marshall Wade has returned home from the hospital, where he went to have an operation performed on his head for an injury received from the falling of a heavy stamping die.

WEST WARREN.

Miss Kate Walsh is visiting friends in Ware this week.

Peter Benoit is very low, and is not expected to recover.

Miss Jessie A. Johnson visited at her home Patriots' Day.

A new gravel roof is being put on the No. 4 mill by Contractor John H. Keenan.

Rev. F. S. Potter was in town over Sunday and preached in the M. E. church at Warren.

Pliny F. Chandler, a former resident of this village, died at his home in Springfield last Saturday.

Miss Rose A. Johnson, who has been at home the past three weeks, returned to Worcester Wednesday.

Several operatives commenced work at the No. 4 mill last Monday, and soon the mill will be running in full.

Peter Benway, a peddler well known in this vicinity, suffered several slight shocks Saturday and is in a serious condition.

Mrs. Ellerson of Haverhill, aunt of the late Miss Belle Bowdoin, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Grant the first of this week.

The family of Rev. H. G. Butler, pastor of the M. E. church, have arrived and have settled this week in the parsonage on Chapel street.

Miss Emma Guerin, daughter of Julius Guerin, and Arthur Brodeur were married Monday morning in St. Thomas's church, Rev. P. Trottier celebrating nuptial high mass.

BELCHERTOWN.

H. D. Sanford is ill with a severe attack of inflamatory rheumatism.

Mrs. Mary Knowlton of Chester has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. L. Bridgman.

William Ayers and family, formerly of Belchertown, have returned from Springfield and will occupy the Sumner Knight farm.

The Belchertown fire department will hold its first ball to-night in Park View hall. Music will be furnished by Purdy's orchestra, with J. L. Bacon prompter.

Mrs. Morgan, 77, widow of Darius Morgan, died suddenly Sunday morning. She was in her usual health Saturday night but was found dead in bed Sunday morning. It is thought death was caused by apoplexy.

Captain John Anderson of the State College spent Sunday at his home in Belchertown. Mrs. Anderson has received word that her brother-in-law, Major Ward, who was recently wounded at Manila, will recover.

H. J. Shumway of Atlantic City, N. J., formerly of Belchertown and son of D. K. Shumway, sailed for Europe Saturday to study architecture in Constantinople and Athens, and in parts of Switzerland, Germany and Great Britain.

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Amos Clark, 70, an old resident of Belchertown, died Monday morning of pneumonia after a short illness. A widow, two daughters, Mrs. Alvin Cutting and Mrs. Libbie Gutberlett, and two sons, Frank Clark of South Hadley Falls and Myron Clark, survive him.

The annual business meeting of the Congregational Society was held Monday afternoon. The treasurer's report showed the receipts for the year to have been $1050 05, expenditures $992.25, balance in treasury $57 80, due from pledges $131 25. It was voted to use the envelope system for raising money for church and parish expenses, and $100 was appropriated for music. The following officers were elected: Clerk and treasurer, F. L. Stebbins; collector, A. D. Randall; prudential committee, M. W. Bardwell, D. F. Shumway, A. L. Blackmer; music committee, C. A. Guild, W. H. Hawks, F. D. Walker. It was voted to rescind the vote which gave the town permission to build an engine house on the church property, and the clerk was instructed to notify the engine house building committee.

WARE.

The high school baseball nine defeated the Warren team Saturday afternoon 20 to 16.

Rev. A. B. Bassett has been in New York this week as a delegate to the ecumenical conference.

The high school athletic association will give a dance in the assembly hall next Friday evening.

Mrs. Willard Loveland of Bennington, Vt., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Buffington.

The women of Trinity Episcopal church cleared $90 from their annual Easter entertainment and sale.

The Unity Club cleared about $35 from "A Rival by Request," which they gave in Unity hall last week Thursday evening. They presented the drama in Greenwich Tuesday evening.

Mrs Johanna Griffin, 59, died Wednesday after a short illness with grippe and pneumonia. A husband, two daughters and five sons survive her. The funeral was held this morning from All Saints' church and the body was taken to Thorndike for burial.

William, the four-years-old son of John J. Murphy of Brimstone hill, was kicked by his father's colt Tuesday evening and had his jaw broken in two places and his face badly cut. He was playing with the colt in the yard when it suddenly turned around and kicked him.

A petition has been circulated by Henry M. Clark asking the selectmen to allow the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company to extend their tracks from Forest Lake to the corner of West and Main streets in Ware. Nearly every business man in Ware has signed the petition.

These officers have been elected by the Naturalization Club: President, Homer Labossiere; vice president, Joseph St. Onge; recording secretary, Louis S. Charboneau; treasurer, L. N. Dupont; corresponding secretary, J. O. Deslauriers; directors, Thomas Baril, Felix Bombard.

Rev. J. J. Fallon has announced that he will soon take a census of All Saints' parish. He has changed the hours of the Sunday services and hereafter will have three masses instead of two, at 7 30, 9 and 10.30 a. m. Vespers will be on Sunday afternoons at 3 30, and Sunday school at 2 30.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Breckenridge celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Ware Center Wednesday, many friends being present. A large number of presents were given them, among them being a gold-headed cane for Mr. Breckenridge and a diamond pin for Mrs. Breckenridge. Mr. Breckenridge was born in Ware Center and has lived there most of his life.

WARREN.

H. S. Howe has returned from a trip to Washington.

D. G. Hitchcock returned Saturday from a six-weeks' vacation in the South.

The annual May breakfast will be given at the Congregational chapel May day morning.

The Warren high school baseball team was defeated by the Ware team in Ware last Saturday afternoon, 22 to 16.

Work is progressing rapidly on the state road east of the village under the efficient management of Contractor Lane.

Albert Robinson was reëlected superintendent of schools Wednesday at a joint meeting of the Warren and Wales school committees.

The drama, "Nan, the mascot," will be given in the town hall next Friday evening under the auspices of the Mattawampee Club.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society met in the Congregational church parlor Wednesday afternoon. A box is being prepared for the Indian school at Santee agency.

Rev. W. B. Forbush and wife of Charleston, a former pastor of the Congregational church, were the guests of Warren Hosley Tuesday evening, where they held an informal reception to their old parishioners.

Miss Nora Reilly and Edward J. Boylan were married Wednesday afternoon at St. Paul's church by Rev. J. F. Leonard. When they return from their wedding trip they will live with Mrs. Reilly on West Main street.

An interesting ball game was played on Slater's field Wednesday afternoon by the high school team and a local nine, with a score of 18 to 13 in favor of the local team, in which were some of the town's well-known professional men.

Mrs. Dolly Dewey Comins, the oldest person in Warren, celebrated her ninety-third birthday Sunday, many friends and neighbors calling on her. Mrs. Comins was born in Brookfield April 22, 1807. With the exception of being slightly deaf she has the full use of all her faculties and reads a great deal.

Considerable damage has been done the past few days by forest fires. The first one started Wednesday morning in the Catholic cemetery from some brush that was being burned, and spread to a part of Pine Grove cemetery, but was soon under control. About noon the alarm was rung for fire in the woods owned by A. Whitaker and Miss M. C. Burbank, and about 10 acres were burned over.

Arbor Day will have general observance in town this year. Exercises will be held in the schools Friday afternoon. An effort is being made to secure improvement and beautifying of school yards. A number of trees will be set out by the Rural Improvement Society, including a line of willows on the north side of the state road between Cheney brook and Columbus avenue, provided necessary permission is obtained from the state commissioners.

Extensive preparations have been made for the Village Festival, to be held in the town hall this evening. A sportsman's show, with hunter's camp, dogs, gunnery, aquariums and live animals will be a strong attraction. Music will be furnished by a zobo brass quartet, and a woman's orchestra will render Romberg's kinder symphony. An entertainment will be given by Finn girls in native costumes, with a Finn play. The festival is given under the auspices of the Rural Improvement Society.

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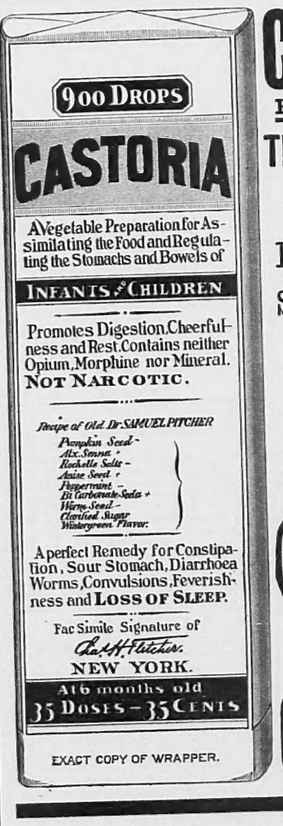

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The Crucifixion of Philip Strong

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CHAPTER XXIV.

In the first place the minority in the church held a meeting and voted to ask Philip to remain, pledging him their hearty support in all his plans and methods. The evening paper, in its report of this meeting, made the most of the personal remarks that were made and served up the whole affair in sensational items that were eagerly read by every one in Milton.

But the most important gathering of Philip's friends was that of the mill men. They met in the hall where he had so often spoken, and, being crowded out of that by the great numbers, they finally secured the use of the courthouse. This was crowded with an excited assembly, and in the course of very many short speeches, in which the action of the church was severely condemned, a resolution was offered and adopted asking Mr. Strong to remain in Milton and organize an association or something of a similar order for the purpose of sociological study and agitation, pledging whatever financial support could be obtained from the working people. This also was caught up and magnified in the paper, and the town was still roused to excitement by all these reports when Philip returned home late Saturday afternoon, almost reeling with exhaustion and his heart torn with the separation from his old chum.

However, he tried to conceal his weariness from Sarah and partly succeeded. After supper he went up to his study to prepare for the Sunday. He had fully made up his mind what he would do, and he wanted to do it in a manner that would cast no reproach on his ministry, which he respected with sensitive reverence.

He went to the door and began his preparation by walking up and down, as his custom was, thinking out the details of the service, his sermon, the exact wording of certain phrases he wished to make.

He had been walking thus back and forth half a dozen times when he felt the same acute pain in his side that had seized him when he fainted in church at the evening service. It passed away, and he resumed his work, thinking it was only a passing disorder. But before he could turn again in his walk he felt a dizziness that whirled everything in the room about him. He clutched at a chair and was conscious of having missed it, and then he fell forward in such a way that he lay partly on the couch and on the floor and was unconscious.

How long he had been in this condition he did not know when he came to himself. He was thankful, when he did recover sufficiently to crawl to his feet and sit down on the couch, that Sarah had not seen him. He managed to get over to his desk and begin to write something as he heard her coming up stairs. He did not intend to deceive her. His thought was that he would not unnecessarily alarm her. He was very tired. It did not need much urging to persuade him to get to bed.

He awoke Sunday morning feeling strangely calm and refreshed. The morning prayer with the Brother Man came like a benediction to them all. Sarah, who had feared for him owing to the severe strain he had been enduring, felt relieved as she saw how he appeared. They all prepared to go to church, the Brother Man and William going out for the first time since the attack.

We have mentioned Philip's custom of coming into his pulpit from the little room at the side door of the platform. This morning he went in at the side door of the church after parting with Sarah and the others. He let Brother Man and William go on ahead a little, and then, drawing his wife to him, he stooped and kissed her. He turned at the top of the short flight of steps leading up to the side entrance and saw her still standing in the same place. Then she went around from the little court to the front of the church and went in with the great crowd already beginning to stream toward Calvary church.

No one ever saw so many people in Calvary church before. Men sat on the platform and even in the deep window seats. The spaces under the large galleries by the walls were filled mostly with men standing there. The house was crowded long before the hour of service. There were many beating, excited hearts in that audience. More than one member felt a shame at the action which had been taken and might have wished it recalled. With the great number of workingmen and young people in the church there was only one feeling; it was a feeling of love for Philip and of sorrow for what had been done. The fact that he had been away from the city, that he had not talked over the matter with any one owing to his absence, the uncertainty as to how he would receive the whole thing, what he would say on this first Sunday after the letter had been written—this attracted a certain number of persons who never go inside a church except for some extraordinary occasion or in hopes of a sensation. So the audience that memorable day had some cruel people present, people who narrowly watch the faces of mourners at funerals to see what ravages grief has made on the countenance.

The organist played his prelude through and was about to stop when he saw from the glass that hung over the keys that Mr. Strong had not yet appeared. He began again at a certain measure, repeating it, and played very slowly. By this time the church was entirely filled. There was an air of expectant waiting as the organ again ceased, and still Philip did not come out. A great fear came over Mrs. Strong. She had half risen from her seat near the platform to go up and open the study door when it opened, and Philip came out.

Whatever his struggle had been in that little room the closest observer could not detect any trace of tears or sorrow or shame or humiliation. He was pale, but that was common; otherwise his face wore a firm, noble, peaceful look. As he gazed over the congregation it fell under the fascination of his glances. The first words that he spoke in the service were strong and clear.

He began to speak very quietly and simply, as his fashion was, of the fact that he had been asked to resign his pastorate of Calvary church. He made the statement clearly, with no halting or hesitation or sentiment of tone or gesture. Then, after saying that there was only one course open to him under the circumstances, he went on to speak, as he said he ought to speak, in defense of his interpretation of Christ and his teaching:

"Members of Calvary church, I call you to bear witness today that I have tried to preach to you Christ and him crucified. I have doubtless made mistakes; we all make them. I have offended the rich men and property owners in Milton. I could not help it. I was obliged to do so in order to speak as I this moment solemnly believe my Lord would speak. I have aroused opposition because I asked men into the church and upon this platform who do not call themselves Christians, for the purpose of knowing their reasons for antagonism to the church we love. But the time has come, O my brothers, when the church must welcome to its councils in these matters that affect the world's greatest good all men who have at heart the fulfillment of the Christ's teachings.

"But the cause which more than any other has led to the action of this church has been, I am fully aware, my demand that the church members of this city should leave their possessions and go and live with the poor, wretched, sinful, hopeless people in the lower town, sharing in wise ways with them of the good things of the world. But why do I speak of all this in defense of my action or my preaching?"

Suddenly Philip seemed to feel a revulsion of attitude toward the whole of what he had been saying. It was as if there had instantly swept over him the knowledge that he could never make the people before him understand either his motive or his Christ. His speech so far had been quiet, unimpassioned, deliberate. His whole manner now underwent a swift change. People in the galleries noticed it, and men leaned out far over the railing, and more than one closed his hands tight in emotion at the sight and hearing of the tall figure on the platform.

"Yes," he said, "I love you, people of Milton, beloved members of this church. I would have opened my arms to every child of humanity here and shown him, if I could, the boundless love of his Heavenly Father. But, oh, ye would not! And yet the love of Christ! What a wonderful thing it is! How much he wished us to enjoy of peace and hope and fellowship and service! Yes, service—that is what the world needs today; service that is willing to give all—all to him who gave all to save us! O Christ, Master, teach us to do thy will! Make us servants to the poor and sinful and hopeless. Make thy church on earth more like thyself."

Those nearest Philip saw him suddenly raise his handkerchief to his lips, and then, when he took it away, it was stained with blood. But the people did not see that. And then, and then—a remarkable thing took place.

On the rear wall of Calvary church there had been painted, when the church was built, a Latin cross. This cross had been the source of almost endless dispute among the church members. Some said it was inartistic; others said it was in keeping with the name of the church and had a right place there as part of its inner adornment. Once the dispute had grown so large and serious that the church had voted as to its removal or retention on the wall. A small majority had voted to leave it there, and there it remained. It was perfectly white, on a panel of thin wood, and stood out very conspicuously above the rear of the platform. It was not directly behind the desk, but several feet at one side.

Philip had never made any allusion in his sermons to this feature of Calvary church's architecture. People had wondered sometimes that with his imaginative, poetical temperament he never had done so, especially once when a sermon on the crucifixion had thrilled the people wonderfully. It might have been his extreme sensitiveness, his shrinking from anything like cheap sensation.

But now he stepped back—it was not far—and turning partly around, with one long arm extended toward the cross as if in imagination he saw the Christ upon it, he exclaimed, "Behold the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world!" Yes,

"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round"—

His voice suddenly ceased, he threw his arms up, and as he turned a little forward toward the congregation he was seen to reel and stagger back against the wall. For one intense, tremendous second of time he stood there with the whole church smitten into a pitying, horrified, startled, motionless crowd of blanched, staring faces as his tall, dark figure towered up with outstretched arms, almost covering the very outlines of the cross, and then he sank down at its foot.

A groan went up from the audience. Several men sprang up the platform steps. Mrs. Strong was the first person to reach her husband. Two or three helped to bear him to the front of the platform. Sarah kneeled down by him. She put her head against his breast. Then she raised her face and said calmly, "He is dead."

The Brother Man was kneeling on the other side. "No," he said, with an indescribable gesture and untranslatable inflection, "he is not dead. He is living in the eternal mansions of glory with his Lord."

But the news was borne from lip to lip, "He is dead!" And that is the way men speak of the body. And they were right. The body of Philip was dead. And the Brother Man was right also, for Philip himself was alive in glory, and as they bore the tabernacle of his flesh out of Calvary church that day that was all they bore. His soul was out of the reach of humanity's selfishness and humanity's sorrow.

They said that when the funeral of Philip Strong's body was held in Milton rugged, unfeeling men were seen to cry like children in the streets. A great procession, largely made up of the poor and sinful, followed him to his wintry grave. They lingered long about the spot. Finally every one withdrew except Sarah, who refused to be led away by her friends, and William and the Brother Man. They stood looking down into the grave.

"He was very young to die so soon," at last Sarah said, with a calmness that was more terrible than bursts of grief.

"So was Christ," replied Brother Man simply.

"But, oh, Philip, Philip, my beloved, they killed him!" she cried. And at last, for she had not wept yet, great tears rolled down into the grave, and uncontrollable anguish seized her. Brother Man did not attempt to console or interrupt. He knew she was in the arms of God. After a long time he said: "Yes, they crucified him. But he is with his Lord now. Let us be glad for him. Let us leave him with the Eternal Peace."

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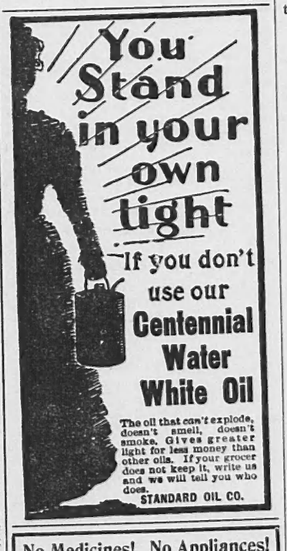

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